# MEETJEN MAXFIELD

Journalist • Author • Speaker • Professor



JEN MAXFIELD is an Emmy Award–winning reporter and anchor who started at NBC New York in 2013. Prior to joining the station, she worked for Eyewitness News (ABC7) in New York City as a reporter and substitute anchor for ten years. Jen started her broadcast career in Binghamton, New York (WIVT), in 2000 and also worked in Syracuse (WIXT) before moving to New York City in 2002. She has reported live from thousands of news events over her 22-year career and estimates she has interviewed more than ten thousand people. Maxfield is also an adjunct professor at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. A graduate of the class of 2000, Maxfield enjoys coming back to her alma mater to educate the next generation of journalists. She finds it incredibly rewarding to work with young people as they launch their careers in news.

Maxfield and her husband, Scott, met as undergraduate students at Columbia. They live in New Jersey and have three children and a dog named Rocket. A Reporter Uncovers the Rest of the Story

# MORE AFTER THE BREAK

A Reporter Returns to Ten Unforgettable News Stories

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n *More After the Break*, Jen Maxfield revisits ten memorable stories from her career as a TV news reporter, describing in heart-pounding detail how the events unfolded and revealing what happened after the cameras went away. She introduces readers to unforgettable people who will inspire you with their hopefulness, even when confronting life's greatest heartbreaks: a young man who lost both legs in a ferry crash, an endurance athlete with stage-four lung cancer, a fifth grader on a doomed field trip, an Ivy League undergrad sentenced to decades in prison, a young woman who gave her life for an animal, a Wall Street executive on an ill-fated bike ride, a preschooler whose health hinged on an immigration battle, a family who lost everything in a hurricane, a mother who fought back against domestic violence, and a man who stood up for his rights while seated in his wheelchair.

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Returning to find these people years—even decades after she featured their stories on the news gives Maxfield an opportunity to ask the burning questions she had always pondered: What happened after the live truck pulled away? What is the rest of the story?

### THE STORY BEHIND THE BOOK

"Whether you are someone who wants to be inspired by the stories of people put in extraordinary circumstances, or if you are curious about how we manage to get all those interviews that you see on the evening news or your Twitter feed, or if you are an aspiring journalist, this book is for you. I hope that you enjoy meeting these heroic people as much as I enjoyed writing about them."

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JEN MAXFIELD AND MORE AFTER THE BREAK

"The best journalists get into the business because they genuinely care about the good people they cover, as well as the good people who watch, read, and listen to their stories. Jen Maxfield is precisely that kind of journalist. More After the Break strengthens your faith in humanity, and not incidentally, in the still noble profession of journalism."

-Gary Tuchman, CNN National Correspondent

"For a reporter accustomed to writing 90 second news stories, all I can say is that Jen Maxfield should be writing more books! More After the Break is a vivid and moving account of people's stories, written by a journalist who holds her subjects in high regard."

> -Senator Bill Bradley, US Senate (1979-1997) and New York Knicks (1965-1977)

"More After the Break offers an essential perspective we rarely consider: what happens to those who've been in the spotlight after the news moves on to the next big story? A must-read for anyone interested in the future of journalism."

> -Claire Shipman New York Times bestselling author and journalist

"At a time when journalists and journalism are increasingly under attack, Jen Maxfield offers a compelling and heart-warming look at the industry and its practitioners. More After the Break is a must-read for aspiring journalists who are sometimes fed the message that sensitivity and compassion are antithetical to success in this business."

> -Charles F. Whitaker, Professor & Dean, Medill School, Northwestern University

### WHAT JEN MAXFIELD BRINGS TO YOUR ORGANIZATION

en Maxfield is an experienced speaker, emcee, and moderator. She has hosted dozens of events for various charitable and educational organizations during her 22-year career. Her thousands of live shots on television have prepared her for the unpredictability of a live, unscripted event. Maxfield has also produced programs, coached fellow speakers, and conducted live interviews on stage in front of hundreds of people.

As an adjunct professor, Maxfield has taught classes for Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. Her passion for teaching and mentoring the next generation of journalists makes for unforgettable keynote presentations, guest lectures, and seminars. Jen Maxfield can tailor a presentation expanding on More After the Break to focus on:

- Broadcast Journalism
- On-Air Skills
- In-Person Communication in the Age of Technology
- Improving Your Zoom Skills
- Women in Media
- Getting Your Start in News
- Women in Leadership
- Pitching a Story
- Writing for the Eye and the Ear
- Media Training
- Balancing Work and Raising a Family
- Interactive Workshops

"The more I researched and interviewed people for this book, the more I realized that each story also revealed broader truths about journalism and newsgathering. Many of the same topics I have been discussing and debating with my students at Columbia are echoed in these pages."

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