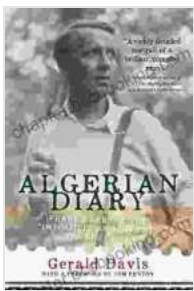


# Frank Kearns: The Impossible Assignment for CBS News

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## Early Life and Career

Frank Kearns was born in 1932 in New York City. He attended Columbia University, where he studied journalism. After graduating from college,

Kearns began his career as a reporter for the New York Daily News. In 1960, he joined CBS News, and he quickly became one of the network's most promising young correspondents.

Kearns' early assignments included covering the civil rights movement and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In 1965, he was assigned to cover the Vietnam War, and he quickly became one of the most respected and trusted voices on the conflict.

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### **Later Career**

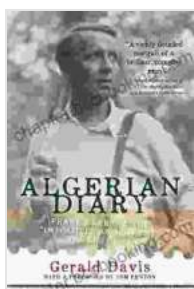
After the Vietnam War, Kearns continued to work as a correspondent for CBS News. He covered a wide range of stories, including the Watergate scandal, the Iran-Contra affair, and the first Gulf War.

Kearns retired from CBS News in 1994. He died in 2000 at the age of 67.

### **Legacy**

Frank Kearns was one of the most respected and trusted journalists of his generation. His reporting from the Vietnam War was groundbreaking, and it helped to change the way Americans thought about the conflict. Kearns' work was also instrumental in helping to bring about the end of the war.

Kearns' legacy continues to live on today. He is remembered as a fearless reporter who was always willing to tell the truth, even when it was unpopular.



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