

Stephen Brook

Journalist, Interviewer & Keynote Speaker

Stephen Brook is a journalist, podcaster, columnist and interviewer whose career has taken him to 11 countries where he has interviewed everyone from Ita Buttrose to Hamish and Andy, and Simon Cowell, reported on everything from science to five star hotels in Bali, and locked horns with newspaper editors in Britain and Australia.

Stephen has worked at both *The Australian* and *The Guardian* newspapers in Britain and across Australia, and is passionate about media, politics, culture and lifestyle.

With diverse experience, a quick humour and masses of front, Stephen is an ideal MC, interviewer and keynote speaker.

More about Stephen Brook:

During a career in travel and lifestyle journalism spanning over two decades Stephen has experienced the world. He has cycled around the temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia, been on a party cruise through Asia, reviewed five star hotels in Bali, enjoyed a two-day 'access all areas' visit to Champagne and taken a seaweed bath in Western Ireland.

Stephen has written many feature stories and filed pieces for *The Weekend Australian Magazine*, *Marie Claire*, *the Sydney Morning Herald* and *Sun-Herald*. He has attempted his first novel, produced podcasts and is the "special guest star" appearing each week on the popular podcast TV Blackbox, which examines the TV industry. Stephen also makes regular appearances on ABC radio, Sky News and ABC News Breakfast.

Stephen is a former Media Diary columnist and media editor of *The Australian*. He created and hosted *Behind the Media* podcast, a weekly sometimes serious and sometimes funny chat with leading media personalities.

In Britain he worked for *The Times* and *The Guardian* as press and publishing correspondent and deputy editor of *MediaGuardian.co.uk* as well as occasionally hosting its *Media Talk* podcast. He once caused London Daily Telegraph editor Will Lewis to threaten to declare war on The Guardian.

He spent his time at *The Guardian* jousting with the unique breed that are editors of London's



major daily newspapers and key advertising figures including Sir Martin Sorrell and showbiz figures such as Simon Cowell.

During more than six years, wrote more than 3,100 stories for the *Guardian* and covered speeches by Russian president Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin and South African President Thabo Mbeki.

Client testimonials

“ Your two sessions were second and third top rated for the whole event - well done! I really liked your style - you obviously put a lot of work into the questions, and it paid off. I also liked how you introduced each speaker and put context around them.

- *Corinium Global Intelligence*

“ The feedback from those that attended has been wonderful and I wanted to pass on my appreciation to you for making it such a great success...We raised a few thousand dollars for the Walkley Public Fund... the atmosphere on the night was exactly what we were hoping for.

- *The Walkley Foundation*

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