

## **Walter Isaacson**

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Walter Isaacson is the President and CEO of the Aspen Institute. He has been the Chairman and CEO of CNN and the Managing Editor of *Time* Magazine. He is the author of *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (April 2007), *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* (2003), and *Kissinger: A Biography* (1992), and coauthor of *The Wise Men: Six Friends and the World They Made* (1986).

Isaacson was born on May 20, 1952, in New Orleans. He is a graduate of Harvard College and of Pembroke College of Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Isaacson began his career at the *Sunday Times* of London and then the New Orleans *Times-Picayune/States-Item*. He joined *Time* Magazine in 1978 and served as a political correspondent, national editor and editor of new media before becoming the magazine's 14th managing editor in 1996. He became Chairman and CEO of CNN in 2001, and then president and CEO of the Aspen Institute in 2003.

Isaacson was appointed after Hurricane Katrina to be the vice-chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority. He is on the Board of Directors of United Airlines, Tulane University, the National Constitution Center, and he is chairman of the board of Teach for America.

Isaacson lives with his wife and daughter in Washington, DC.