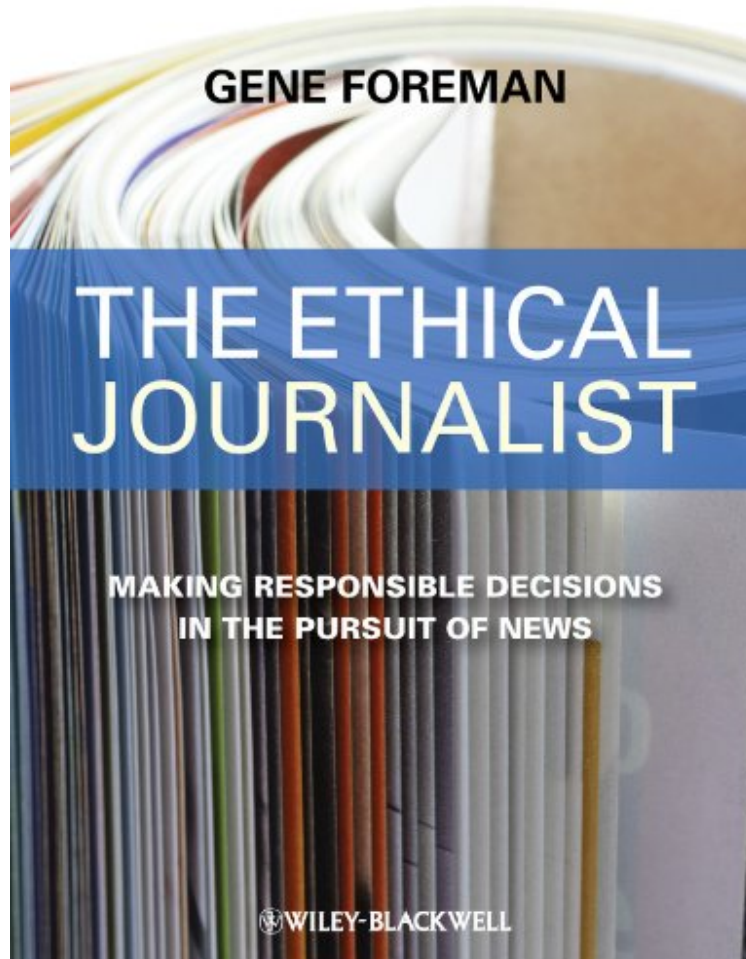


# The Ethical Journalist: Making Responsible Decisions in the Pursuit of News

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The Ethical Journalist gives aspiring journalists the tools they need to make responsible professional decisions. Provides a foundation in applied ethics in journalism Examines the subject areas where ethical questions most frequently arise in modern practice Incorporates the views of distinguished print, broadcast and online journalists, exploring such critical issues as race, sex, and the digitalization of news sources Illustrated with 24 real-life case studies that demonstrate how to think in 'shades of gray' rather than 'black and white' Includes questions for class discussion and guides for putting important ethical concepts to use in the real world Accompanying website includes model course schedules, discussion guides, PowerPoint slides, sample quiz and exam questions and links to additional readings online: [www.wiley.com/go/foreman](http://www.wiley.com/go/foreman)

"The book is superb; the definitive work on journalism ethics and practices. It should be a basic text in every school of journalism." - Gene Roberts, former executive editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer, former managing editor of The New York Times, former professor, University of Maryland College of Journalism  
"The Ethical Journalist is like GPS for sound decision-making." - Jim Naughton, President Emeritus of the Poynter Institute of Media Studies  
"Gene Foreman practiced and championed high ethical standards in newsrooms for decades. He's now written a clear, compelling text on journalism ethics. It's practical, principled and powerful." - Robert M. Steele, Director of The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University  
"Gene Foreman, a great editor and teacher, has produced a comprehensive yet very easy to read and use guide to journalistic values and ethics that shows journalists and students how to make responsible decisions about news in print and cyberspace. An essential road map for a rapidly changing journalistic landscape." - Leonard Downie, Weil Family Professor of Journalism at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University, and former editor, The Washington Post  
"...Readers' tendency to oversimplify ethical method will be challenged by Gene Foreman's The Ethical Journalist, which I find more complex and engaging than other texts, and which will, therefore, become the first ethics text I can comfortably prescribe for both graduate and undergraduate classes.... The book's tone is thoughtful but forthright, its style clear but engaging, its stance fair but unabashed. It's obviously written by a practiced craftsman who is passionate about his work, and curious about its dilemmas." - Ivor Shapiro, chair, School of Journalism, Ryerson University, in a review in Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, Summer 2010  
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"I am blown away by how good this book is. It is practical, insightful and even-handed." - Tim McGuire, Frank Russell Professor of Journalism at Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University, former editor of the Star Tribune in Minneapolis  
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This textbook is envisioned as the basis of a college course in print, broadcast and online journalism ethics, for either graduate students or undergraduate juniors and seniors. The book will be designed for a 15-week semester with two and a half hours of classroom time each week, though an instructor could easily adapt the content to other academic schedules. The first one-third of the book will guide the students as they learn the principles of ethics and their application to resolving dilemmas in journalism. The remainder of the book will analyze the main themes of ethical issues in the newsroom and provide real-life case studies for the students to practice their decision-making skills. Instructors will receive a separate guide with PowerPoint presentations, a model course schedule, possible quiz and exam questions, and detailed suggestions on conducting the discussions of the case studies.  
Distinctive Features  
Unlike other books in its genre, this text will be prescriptive and to the point. That is, it will not merely discuss the ethical issues of journalism; it will give aspiring journalists (and other interested students) the tools they need to make professional decisions they can defend. Rather than overwhelming the students with theory, this text will offer just enough to enable the students to thoroughly grasp the importance of ethics and to use their own sense of ethics to make those decisions.