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Influences — What shapes the minds that make the news

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Quotation to Live by: "Pay It Forward" - from the novel on which the movie was based, by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Books on my nightstand right now: *Team of Rivals*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, and *The House of Belonging* by David Whyte.

Favorite author, fiction: F. Scott Fitzgerald, who lived in the same block as my grandparents. I named my daughter after his daughter, Scottie.

Favorite authors, nonfiction: Malcolm Gladwell and David McCullough.

Favorite poet (or poem): David Whyte's poem "Working Together" (<http://go.philly.com/whyte>). I love the verse

*The visible
and the invisible,
working together
in common cause,
to produce
the miraculous.*

Favorite beach reading: Historic biographies and the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

Book or author other people praise but I never liked: *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown.

A book that influenced how I live my life: *Black Like Me*, by John Howard Griffin, opened my eyes to issues I could no longer ignore.

TV shows I'm not ashamed to admit I watch: *Grey's Anatomy* (ABC) and *Book TV* (C-Span).

TV shows I hate to admit I like: *The Actor's Studio* (Bravo) and *Saturday Night Live* (NBC).

Favorite comic strip: *Peanuts*, by Charles Schulz.

Movies I love so much I've watched them more than twice: *Pay It Forward*, *Seabiscuit*, *Miracle*, *Invincible*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Web sites (other than my organization's) that I visit regularly: *Uwishunu* (www.uwishunu.com); *philly.com*; *Bizjournals* (www.bizjournals.com); the Cornell University Web site (www.cornell.edu); the Episcopal Academy Web site (www.ea.pvt.k12.pa.us).



If you turned my car radio on right now, it would be tuned to: KYW-AM (1060) or National Public Radio on WHYY-FM (90.9).

Magazines I read regularly: *Harvard Business Review, the New Yorker, Vanity Fair, Washingtonian, People.*

Favorite type of music: Show tunes and bagpipes.

Last concert/performance attended: *The Lion King.*

Recording I play when my soul need a lift: "Fanfare for The Common Man," by Aaron Copland - Emerson, Lake, and Palmer's version. Or "The Circle of Life" from *The Lion King.*

Person in my field whom I most admire: Sarah Lawrence-Lightfoot, chairwoman of the MacArthur Foundation. I'd like to create a version of the MacArthur Fellows program for leaders in Philadelphia.

Living person I'd most like to join for dinner and conversation: I'd like to orchestrate a dinner and conversation with Tom Friedman, Malcolm Gladwell, Colin Powell, Steven Spielberg and Oprah Winfrey, to find a way to recapture the spirit of compassion that rose up on 9/11 and to tip an epidemic of connection and service in America.

Heroes from history: King Arthur, Ben Franklin, Franklin Roosevelt, Bobby Kennedy, and Jimmy Carter (in whose White House I served).

If I had the power to order all of the Philadelphia region to read one book, it would be: *Edens Lost and Found: How Ordinary Citizens Are Restoring Our Great American Cities*, by Harry Wiland and Dale Bell.

And here's why: This book showcases several of Philadelphia's unsung heroes and shows us what is possible when we commit to serving our community.

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