

Mo Rocca

CBS News Correspondent & Television Personality

“I’d rather call myself a mischief-maker—an ‘imp’—rather than a satirist. ‘Satirist’ sounds so self-important. Plus, no one else is calling himself an imp right now. It makes me feel special.”

Humorist, actor and writer Mo Rocca is best known for his off-beat news reports and satirical commentary. Currently a Correspondent for CBS *Sunday Morning News* and host of *The Tomorrow Show with Mo Rocca* on CBSNews.com, he’s also a panelist on NPR’s hit weekly quiz show *Wait, Wait...Don’t Tell Me!* Rocca spent four seasons as a correspondent on Comedy Central’s *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and four seasons as a correspondent on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

The former president and author of Harvard University’s *Hasty Pudding Show*, Rocca is no stranger to the stage, where his credits include the roles of Vice Principal Douglas Panch in Broadway’s *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Doody on the Southeast Asia Tour of *Grease*.

Rocca’s book *All the Presidents’ Pets: The Story of One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over* is a tour-de-force of investigative journalism that blows the lid off of a long-held Washington secret: Presidential pets are more than just photo-ops. Equal parts *All the President’s Men*, *Charlotte’s Web* and *The Da Vinci Code*, *Pets* is the journalistic watershed event of the decade. Really.

“Too many Americans are lazy when it comes to studying low-brow culture. I’ve given all these shows—Punky Brewster, Webster—the thought they deserve.”

Rocca began his career in TV as a writer and producer for the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning PBS children’s series *Wishbone*. He went on to write and produce for other kids series, including ABC’s *Pepper Ann* and Nickelodeon’s *The Wubbulous World of Dr.*

Seuss—a pre-school series combining the whimsy of Seuss characters with the magic of Jim Henson puppetry.

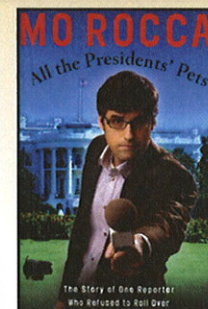
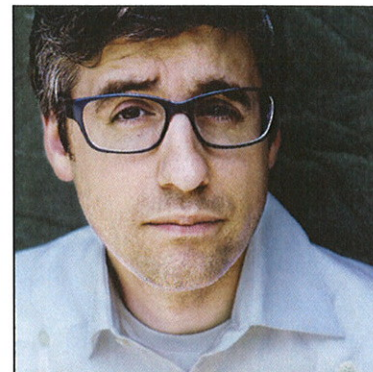
“I know a lot about a few things—mostly useless things.”

Rocca also served as consulting editor at the adult men’s magazine *Perfect 10*. Doing “pre-school by day and porn by night” helped prepare him for the broad range of topics he’d tackle on *The Daily Show*, where his eccentric profiles ranged from a man obsessed with first ladies to the point that he dresses as Florence Harding, to a husband/wife pet-mummification team.

Rocca is a frequent guest on cable news shows including *Countdown with Keith Olbermann* and *Larry King Live*, as well as a judge on *Iron Chef America*. He was a regular on the VH1 retrospective *I Love the... series*, served as host of *Things I Hate About You* on Bravo and Animal Planet’s *Whoa! Sunday with Mo Rocca*. Rocca also once played the role of Turista #2 on telenovela *Amor Descarado* on Telemundo.

“I’ve been on Telemundo ‘cause I’m half-Colombian. I have not been on BET, but that’s just because I’m especially pale right now.”

A native of Washington, D.C., Mo Rocca earned a bachelor’s degree at Harvard and resides in New York City. He is famed for his wacky, tongue-in-cheek “fake news” reports.



Suggested Speech Topics

“Fake” News vs. “Real” News:

Just How Fine is the Line? And Would Mo Cover Baghdad?

Pre-School to Porn:
The Credentials That Prepped Mo For His Acclaimed Tenure on *The Daily Show*

All the Presidents’ Pets:
One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over



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