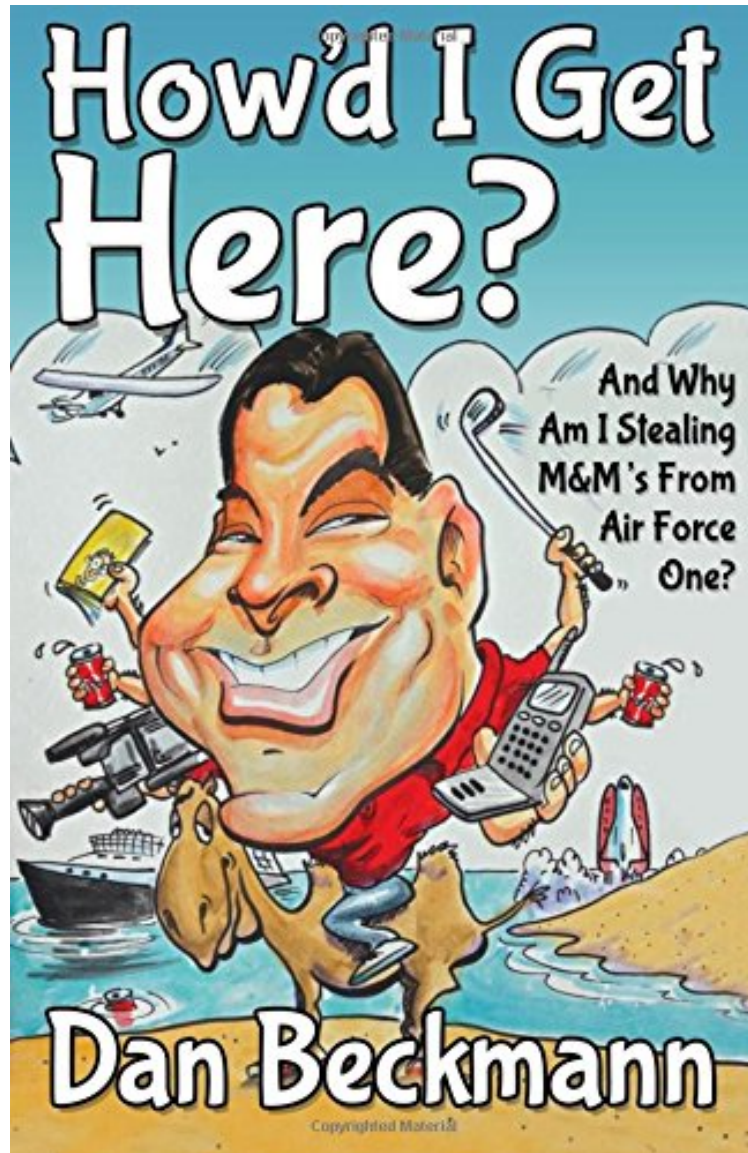


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Riedinger There are moments in life that shape and mold us ... some of us are blessed (or cursed) with more than our share. In *HOW'D I GET HERE? AND WHY AM I STEALING MMS FROM AIR FORCE ONE*, Dan Beckmann gives us an enticing, vivid journey of faith, good fortune and endless possibilities. It is a wonderful joyride and I felt I was right there next to him, fiddling with the radio, eating Doritos and enjoying the scenery zipping by. Beckmann's prose sparkles with a self-deprecating, joyous honesty to create a unique blend of Bill Bryson and Alfred E. Neuman. Moving flawlessly from a hilarious flax paus to a poignant life lesson, the book is a celebration of taking what you are given and making it count ... trust in your abilities ... listen to your gut ... and your heart ... and don't get so caught up that you forget to live the life you have been granted. One's existence may not be perfect and it may not always make sense in the moment, but it is the only life you have, and if you don't take it too seriously, chances are there are some amazing adventures awaiting. Thank you, Dan Beckmann, for such a magnificent and compelling romp. With a wink and a "What, Me worry?" smile, I gladly and vehemently recommend this book. It may not change your life, but it will certainly brighten your outlook and lock a smile on your face. Bravo!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Delightful and entertaining

By Charles Peloquin *How Did I Get Here* is a gem of a little book that will leave you smiling and laughing throughout. It is about the crazy demands of a NBC camera man who recounts his aspirations as a young boy from Fenton, Missouri, his experiences with the greats of the news media, his adventures and occasional misadventures in the pursuit of a career in radio and television that takes him around the world and on a special trip on Air Force One. Dan is an enthusiastic writer who is not shy to tell us about his job chasing the news behind the lens of a camera even when he forgets to turn on the camera or insert the tape. The boy from Fenton gets to meet many celebrities, dances with Oprah Winfrey, flies with Stephen Hawkins and mistakes a dish of Beluga caviar at a celebrity function for a savory sauce to enhance his lunch emptying the dish before the guests arrive to the dismay of his coworkers. Dan is witty and has a way with words that will leave you happy that you gave up a few TV shows for a story that will sometimes suggest material for Mr. Bean. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must-read for any aspiring journalist

By NTSHave you ever met someone with a cool job, and wondered "how did they get that job?". Dan Beckmann is one of those people with an ubercool job, and his book gives you a blow by blow account on how a boy from an inauspicious beginning in a small town in Missouri ends up sitting across from President George W. Bush on Air Force One. This book is a must-read for any aspiring journalist. Beckmann gives a behind-the-scenes peek into his rise to a network television news photographer. He has traveled all over the world, and met a lot of famous and fascinating people, yet his humility is what makes this book so charming. He details all of his missteps, faux pas, and sheer bad luck that anyone who has come so far surely experiences, yet rarely admits to.

Dan Beckmann appears to be an average guy living a common life. That is, until he begins to share his extraordinary collection of surprising stories. He finds adventure the way he finds friends—everywhere. Through his witty, lighthearted, and entertaining tales, he reminds us that the best things in life are free, that extraordinary adventures are always waiting just around the corner—and that it's never too late to laugh your way to the finish line. No matter where you are in life there are people around you who help you step up, step over, or step to it. Even if you've stepped in it!

About the Author Dan Beckmann worked as a cameraman for NBC News for 15 years. While on staff in Tel Aviv, he helped cover the continuation of the Middle East Peace Process. His travels have taken him throughout Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, helping NBC cover a wide range of stories: from the Olympics in Torino, to coverage of 9-11 at Ground Zero, Hurricane Katrina, and presidential campaigns aboard Air Force One. Aside from *The Today Show*, *Dateline*, *Nightly News* with Brian Williams, and *MSNBC*, Dan's work has also been featured on *Good Morning America*, *ESPN*, *CBS News*, *CNN*, *National Geographic*, *AE*, the *BBC*, and many other programs worldwide. Dan is an accomplished columnist, speaks four languages, flies airplanes, loves wine and plays the piano badly. Most likely a result of the wine. He's traveled a long way from Fenton, Missouri.