

Brooke Nevils Reveals Matt Lauer Allegations in New Book

Description

Former *Today Show* producer Brooke Nevils has shared her experiences working at NBC. She grew up in St. Louis, watching the show and feeling a connection to its famous hosts, like Matt Lauer and Katie Couric. After studying journalism, she joined NBC and helped cover the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

In Sochi, Nevils was primarily a talent assistant. She recalls a night when Lauer joined her and other colleagues in a bar. After their celebration, Lauer invited her to his hotel room, where she claims he sexually assaulted her. They later had more sexual encounters in New York. In a statement, Lauer said their interactions were "mutual and consensual."

Initially, Nevils did not report the incident due to fear for her career. However, as the #MeToo movement gained attention, she eventually reported the incident to NBC's human resources. This led to Lauer's firing in late 2017.

In her new memoir, *Unspeakable Things: Silence, Shame, and the Stories We Choose to Believe*, Nevils discusses the impact of her experiences. She expresses concern for her children's future regarding her story but believes it is important to prepare them for life's challenges. Nevils aims to share her truth and help others in similar situations.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Producer** /prə'dju:sər/ (noun): A person responsible for overseeing the production of a show or broadcast.
2. **Assaulted** /ə'sɔ:ltd/ (verb): To attack someone physically or sexually.
3. **Consensual** /kən'senʃuəl/ (adjective): Agreed to by all parties involved; mutual.
4. **Fear** /fɪər/ (noun): An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous.
5. **Impact** /'ɪmpækt/ (noun): The strong effect or influence that something has on a situation or person.
6. **Movement** /'mu:v.mənt/ (noun): A group of people working together to advance their shared ideas.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where did Brooke Nevils grow up?

Option: New York City
Option: Los Angeles
Option: St. Louis
Option: Chicago

2. What event did Brooke Nevils help cover in 2014?

Option: Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro
Option: Winter Olympics in Sochi
Option: FIFA World Cup in Brazil
Option: Wimbledon Championships

3. What reason did Brooke Nevils initially cite for not reporting the incident?

Option: Lack of evidence
Option: Fear for her career
Option: Unaware of the procedures
Option: Didn't want to cause trouble

4. What movement prompted Brooke Nevils to eventually report the incident?

Option: Time's Up movement
Option: #MeToo movement
Option: Black Lives Matter movement
Option: Climate Change movement

5. When was Matt Lauer fired from NBC?

Option: Early 2017
Option: Late 2017
Option: Mid 2018
Option: Early 2019

6. What is the title of Brooke Nevils' memoir?

Option: Unspeakable Secrets: Healing from Trauma
Option: Unspeakable Things: Silence, Shame, and the Stories We Choose to Believe
Option: Unbreakable Bonds: Connecting Through Pain
Option: Untouchable Truths: Overcoming Adversity

True-False

7. Brooke Nevils worked as a producer on the Today Show.

8. Matt Lauer claimed that his interactions with Brooke Nevils were non-consensual.
9. Brooke Nevils reported the incident to NBC's human resources as soon as it happened.
10. Brooke Nevils expressed concern for her children's future regarding her story.
11. Brooke Nevils aimed to share her truth and help others in similar situations.
12. The incident involving Brooke Nevils and Matt Lauer occurred during the coverage of the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Gap-Fill

13. Brooke Nevils joined NBC after studying _____.
14. Matt Lauer was fired from NBC in late _____.
15. In her memoir, Brooke Nevils discusses the impact of her experiences on _____.
16. Brooke Nevils believes it is important to prepare her children for _____.
17. Brooke Nevils helped cover the 2014 Winter Olympics in _____, Russia.
18. After the #MeToo movement gained attention, Brooke Nevils reported the incident to NBC's _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. St. Louis 2. Winter Olympics in Sochi 3. Fear for her career 4. #MeToo movement 5. Late 2017 6. Unspeakable Things: Silence, Shame, and the Stories We Choose to Believe

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. journalism 14. 2017 15. her children's future 16. life's challenges 17. Sochi 18. human resources

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