

About the Author

David Jenkins, who graduated in Law (1965) and Arts (1967) from Melbourne University, was a foreign correspondent in Southeast Asia for many years. In 1969, after news and feature-writing assignments in India and Southeast Asia, including a second trip to cover the war in Vietnam, he was appointed the staff correspondent in Indonesia for the Herald and Weekly Times group of newspapers across Australia. During this time he covered the 1970 overthrow of Prince Sihanouk and the violent spillover of the Vietnam War into Cambodia.

Awarded a three-month Churchill Fellowship to study the Communist insurgency in Northeast Thailand in 1973, he went on to run the Associated Press (AP) bureau in Vientiane during the final years (1973–75) of the Indochina War and was the correspondent in Laos for the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. He was the *Review's* Indonesia bureau chief (1976–80), Singapore-based ASEAN correspondent (1980–82) and Regional Editor in Hongkong (1982–84).

Appointed Foreign Editor of the *Sydney Morning Herald* in 1985, he spent six months as acting Editor of the *Times on Sunday*, a national broadsheet, after which he became Asia Editor of the *SMH*. In 1991 he was a Senior Research Fellow (Regional Security) at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, Canberra. He was a co-winner of a Walkley Award for his contribution to the *Herald's* coverage from Jakarta and East Timor during the violent 1999 referendum on independence.