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Confessional Journalism & Podcasting

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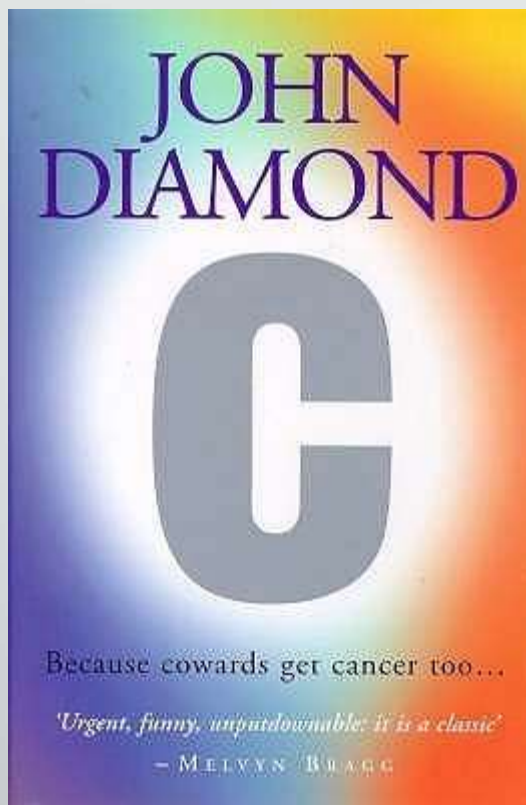
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Confessional Journalism

"Autobiographical writing exposing intimate personal details [which is] part of [a] rapidly growing cultural trend towards the inclusion of "real life" stories in the media and linked to the exposure of ever more intimate personal details."

Rosalind Coward 2010





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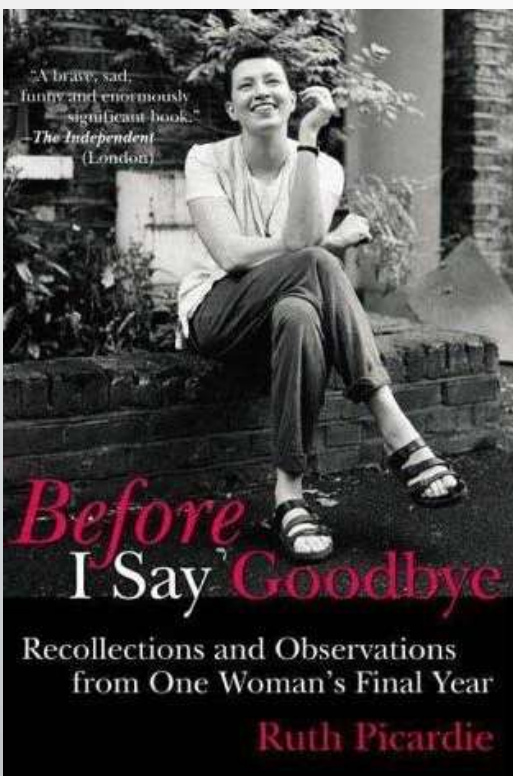
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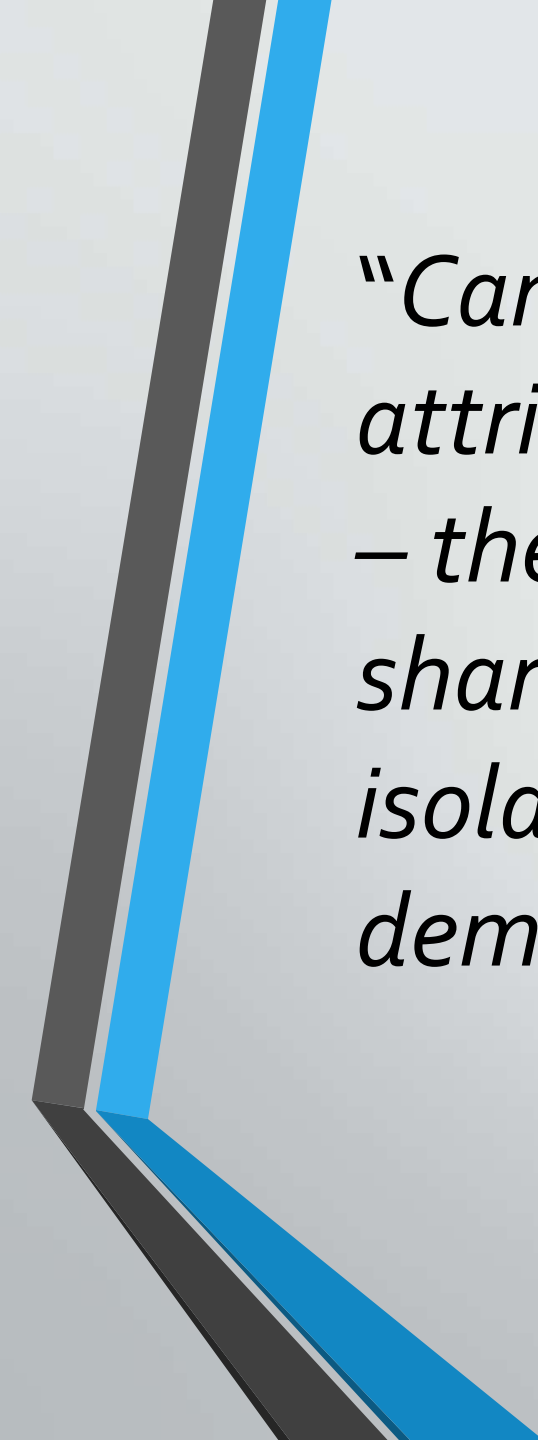
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“Cancer columns demonstrate the positive attributes of confessional journalism writ large – the lifting of repression and silence, the sharing of experience which can be otherwise isolating, the engagement of readers in new democratic ways.”

Rosalind Coward 2014





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"You're establishing a world here that you really want the listener to feel they're part of because the art of putting on headphones takes you even closer to the sound and I think that.....the audience has to feel close to you. It's a strange relationship, its different from radio."

Confessional Journalism and Podcasting



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[Presenters are "showing their emotions and I think its fine and there are some things that as human beings we have a collective response to and I think its OK. Its really interesting. It's a whole developing new space for the BBC, its interesting and some presenters find it really tricky."



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My Dad Wrote A Porno



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Deborah Frances-White



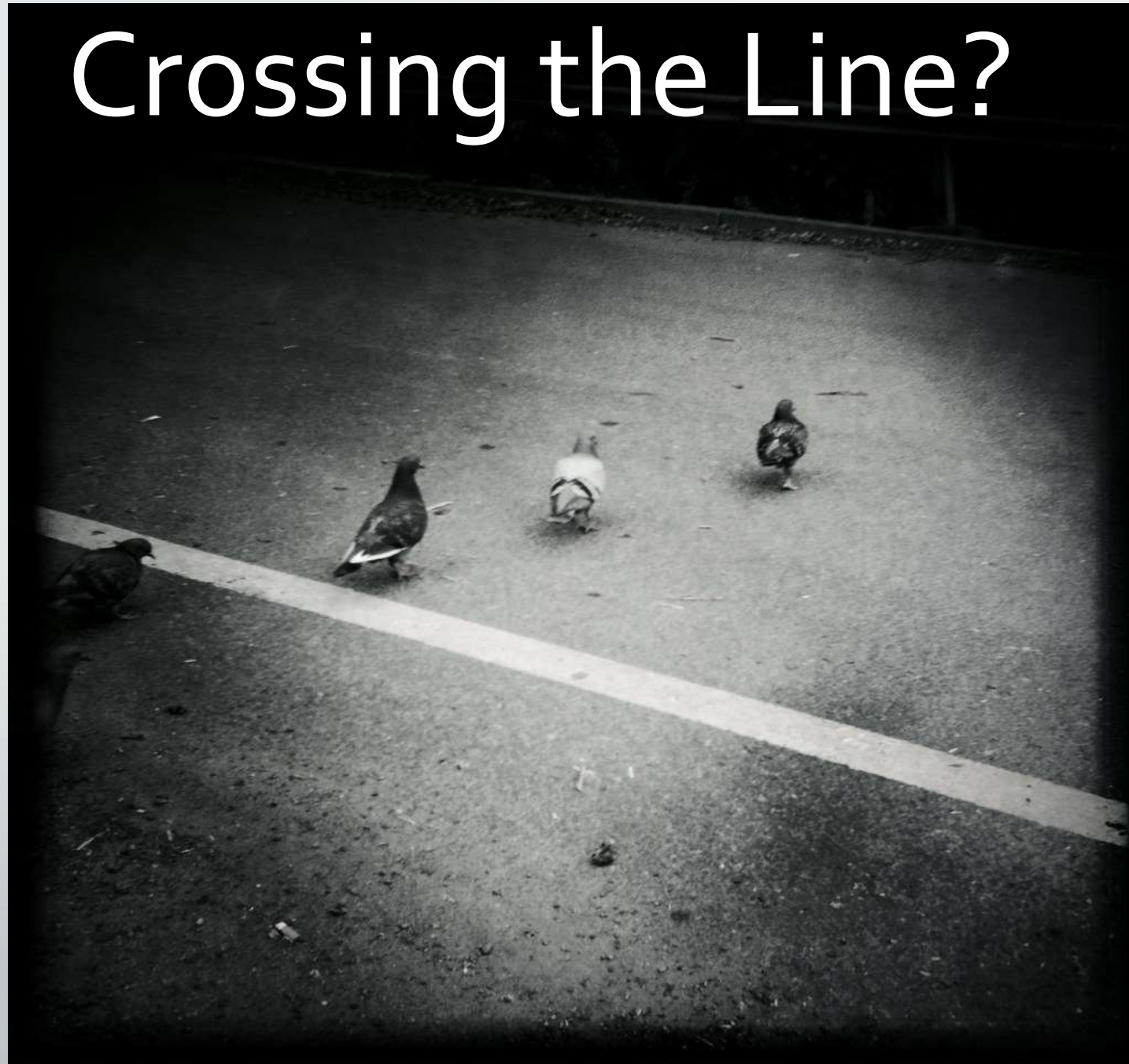
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“If you’re going to do a podcast and you’re going to ask people to buy into it, then you need to be prepared to offer them something that they wouldn’t hear on radio, otherwise don’t do one.”

Jane Garvey 2017

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