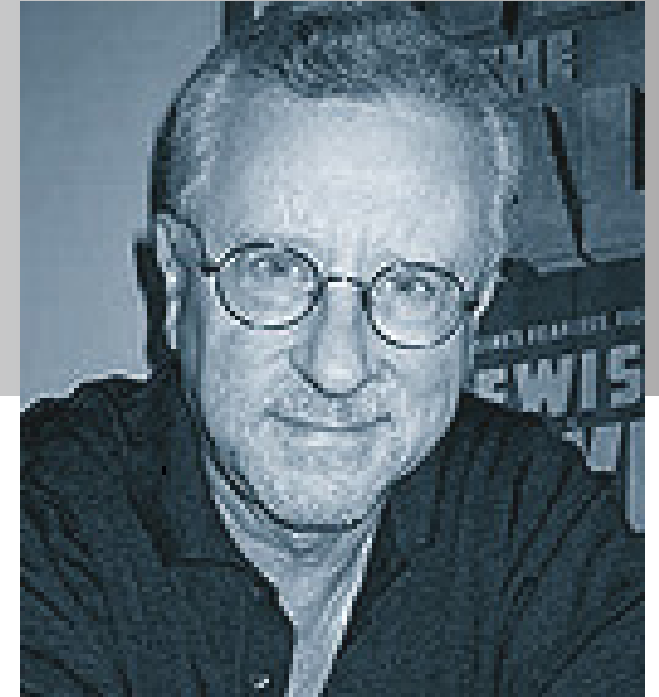


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Ralph Blumenthal became Houston bureau chief for The New York Times in September 2003. He is a prize-winning reporter who has covered many of the leading stories of the last generation. He has reported overseas from former West Germany, South Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan, Brazil and the Caribbean, and at home from Washington, New York and many other cities around the nation. He joined the newspaper as a news clerk in 1964.

Mr. Blumenthal headed the reporting team covering the World Trade Center terrorist attack in 1993, coverage that won The Times a Pulitzer Prize in 1994. He co-authored a series of articles in 1994 on the fatal crashes of US Air, which prompted new safety procedures, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and won the Worth Bingham prize for investigative reporting. After September 11, 2001, he briefly rejoined the investigative team covering terrorism.

Mr. Blumenthal’s first book, “Last Days of the Sicilians: At War with the Mafia: The FBI Assault on the Pizza Connection,” published by Times Books in 1988 and by Pocket Books in 1989, won critical acclaim. He is a co-author, with Times colleagues, of “Outrage: The Story Behind the Tawana Brawley Hoax,” an account of the divisive racial controversy, published by Bantam in 1990. “Miracle at Sing Sing: How One Man Transformed the Lives of America’s Most Dangerous Prisoners,” was published by St. Martin’s Press in 2004.

Mr. Blumenthal is a 1963 graduate of CCNY and he received an M.S. degree in journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in 1964. He was awarded both the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism Alumni Award and Guggenheim Fellowship in 2001.

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