



**Rene Syler**  
**Journalist and Author**

Award-winning national news personality René Syler has most recently been an anchor of CBS News' *The Early Show*.

During her time at *The Early Show* she conducted one-on-one interviews with first lady Laura Bush, Colin Powell, and Sen. John McCain, as well as NASA's first female shuttle commander, Eileen Collins. Rene anchored from Punta Gorda, Fla., covering the aftermath of Hurricane Charley, and from Washington, D.C., covering the events and ceremonies of President Ronald Reagan's funeral.

Syler recently authored her first book, *Good Enough Mother: The Perfectly Imperfect Book of Parenting* (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, March, 2007), which has already been optioned and may be turned into a television sitcom in the future. In the book, Rene discusses a variety of serious subjects, including her aforementioned medical procedure, food options, race relations and other issues affecting families. Her sincere belief is that parents do not have to be perfect to be successful in this task. She has also become a spokesperson for breast cancer awareness.

Previous to joining *The Early Show* she anchored the Noon and 6:00PM newscasts at KTVT, the CBS owned station in Dallas from 2000-02. Beginning in 1997, when she joined the station, she anchored the Noon and 5:00PM newscasts. She was the morning and Noon anchor at another Dallas station, WFAA-TV from 1992-97. Rene was the weekend anchor at WVTM-TV in Birmingham, Alabama from 1990-92 and at KOLO-TV in Reno, Nevada in 1989-90, and was a weekend reporter at KTVN-TV, also in Reno, from 1987-89.

She is an active member of the **National Association of Black Journalists**, and is a recipient of the 2004 **Gracie Allen Award for Individual Achievement** in the National Best Anchor category for her breast cancer series. Even before her own breast cancer scare, Rene Syler was very active in numerous breast cancer causes. Currently, she is a 2007-2008 ambassador for **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**. The American Women in Radio and Television also awarded her **Television Personality of the Year** in 1997.

Rene Syler was born at Scott AFB, Illinois, and grew up in Sacramento, California. She graduated from California State University at Sacramento in 1987 with a degree in psychology. She is married to Buff Parham, with whom she has two children.

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