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David Dow is a stroke survivor, nonprofit founder, national speaker, and author. He had a massive stroke in 1995 that required 3 months hospitalization and then speech and language therapy to relearn speaking, reading, and writing. He has appeared on Good Morning America, in People magazine, and, most recently, on The Doctors. Dow is a director of cruises and events for a nonprofit organization.

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