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Jayson Blair got caught plagiarizing multiple courses of work in 2003 and was caught, because a reporter noticed that Blair’s work was very similar to their own. And since he was a former intern it made sense as to how he had the material and knew where to find it, as it states in the article “ A reporter working for The San Antonio Express-News noticed some similarities between a story she had published with one that appeared in the paper of record on April 26th, 2003. Ms. Macarena Hernandez, the reporter, knew the journalist who may have plagiarized her work. It was her former co-intern at the Times” Eventually Blair was put under investigation by a team and they found that “ Of the 73 stories Blair had written between October 2002 and May 2003, at least 36 had substantial problems.” Which cost him his credibility and career.

Do you think Blair was too severely punished?

I think that his punishment was just and fair, Even though he claims to have never remembered reading her article the fact of the matter is, that he still used it without checking with editors before trying to get it out to the world, and as it turns out to make things worse he lied about saying he interviewed Glenda when he in reality did not. As it states here “Glenda Nelson, a woman quoted in one of Blair’s stories who was in fact never interviewed by him, said. Following the publication of the report, the positions of Mr. Boyd and his boss Howell Raines became untenable. Besides winning several Pulitzer prizes, he had little allies within the newsroom” I also think that his boss and lead editor also knew better and tried to steer him wrong. Despite that I still think it was wrong of Blair to do what he did.