

# Barry Eisler

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If you focus on the risks, they'll multiply in your mind and eventually paralyze you. You want to focus on the task, instead, on doing what needs to be done.

~Barry Eisler

Anger, and the self-righteousness that is both the cause and consequence of anger, tends to be easier on the psyche than personal responsibility.

~Barry Eisler

I wandered the earth a mercenary, daring the gods to kill me but surviving because part of me was already dead.

~Barry Eisler

The two most important things to do for self-defense are not to take a martial arts class or get a gun, but to think like the opposition and know where you're most at risk.

~Barry Eisler

I love Japan, and Tokyo is my favorite city.

~Barry Eisler

If the reader cares, I don't think it matters so much whether your hero is in fact an anti-hero.

~Barry Eisler

The post office actually achieves its mission. I wish we could say the same of the CIA.

~Barry Eisler

The job of the screenplay is to identify and extract the essence of the story from the novel and reconfigure it for the screen, maintaining its essence in a different vehicle.

~Barry Eisler

Overall, one of the things that excites me most about self-publishing is that the highest-value use of my time in promoting the books will be found in writing more of them.

~Barry Eisler

The movie is someone else's art. But it's great marketing for books.

~Barry Eisler

After I sold my screenplay adaptation of 'Rain Fall' to Sony Pictures, I had no more creative involvement.

~Barry Eisler

From the outside, the CIA seems pretty exotic, but from the inside, it's a big bureaucratic place. Think 'post office with spies.'

~Barry Eisler

The City. Can't you hear it? People. Machines. Even thoughts so thick your bones feel it and your ear almost catches it.

~Barry Eisler

Publishing for me is a business, not an ideology.

~Barry Eisler

Paper publishers are doing everything they can to slow the transition to eBooks because, in a digital world, paper publishers' high hardback margins essentially disappear.

~Barry Eisler

The National Surveillance State doesn't want anyone to be able to communicate without the authorities being able to monitor that communication.

~Barry Eisler

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