

Carl Hiaasen

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Like Richard Price and the late, great Elmore Leonard, Matt Burgess is one of those cool, quick and funny writers who can turn a seemingly routine crime caper into something special.

~Carl Hiaasen

The greatest sin for a writer is to be boring.

~Carl Hiaasen

The first rule of hurricane coverage is that every broadcast must begin with palm trees bending in the wind.

~Carl Hiaasen

Sunset on the water ought to be a quiet and easy time, but I guess some people can't stand a little silence.

~Carl Hiaasen

My escape is to just get in a boat and disappear on the water.

~Carl Hiaasen

My driving record is not exemplary, but I have never had a speeding ticket over 100 m.p.h. I can say that unequivocally.

~Carl Hiaasen

Disney's something to be a little alarmed about. It's not just a little theme park anymore. It's now an ethic and outlook and strategy that goes way beyond central Florida.

~Carl Hiaasen

There is no writer's block in a newsroom. There's only unemployment block.

~Carl Hiaasen

Unfortunately for novelists, real life is getting way too funny and far-fetched.

~Carl Hiaasen

My humour has always come from anger, but I have to make sure I don't just get angry and jump on a soapbox.

~Carl Hiaasen

I've always enjoyed making people laugh. But in order for me to be funny, I have to get ticked off about something.

~Carl Hiaasen

It's easy to get distracted by the vaudevillian aspects of the healthcare debate.

~Carl Hiaasen

I'm waiting for the day when Rush Limbaugh's pharmacist writes a book.

~Carl Hiaasen

When you're given a newspaper column, you're not being paid to sit on a fence and scratch your chin and say 'On the one hand this' and 'On the other hand that.' You're getting paid for your opinion.

~Carl Hiaasen

If you write satire, the guilty pleasure these days is that there's just so much material about. On the other hand, if you have a family it can be depressing.

~Carl Hiaasen

Everybody's idea of a great book is different, of course. For me it's one that makes my jaw drop on every page, the writing is so original.

~Carl Hiaasen

I don't have an e-reader. One reason is that I like to dog-ear the page when I find a particularly good sentence or passage.

~Carl Hiaasen

The one word that no politician will ever speak, is 'enough.' Enough.

~Carl Hiaasen

One problem with age is that patience begins to ebb.

~Carl Hiaasen

You can do the best research and be making the strongest intellectual argument, but if readers don't get past the third paragraph you've wasted your energy and valuable ink.

~Carl Hiaasen

Mickey Cray had been out of work ever since a dead iguana fell from a palm tree and hit him on the head.

~Carl Hiaasen

Mrs. Bonneville never buckled her seat belt, even though it was required by state law; an ardent libertarian, she opposed government meddling in all matters of personal choice.

~Carl Hiaasen

My books are character-driven. They're not driven by the story.

~Carl Hiaasen

The evening news made her wonder if God was dead; the morning sun made her believe He wasn't.

~Carl Hiaasen

I think it's always good for the author to stay a good cattle prod's distance from the actual moviemaking.

~Carl Hiaasen

Hey. Sometimes to conclusions.

~Carl Hiaasen

and in the meantime don't jump to conclusions.

~Carl Hiaasen

There's so much hate that we direct externally that we forget we have our own psychos. But that's the role of the satirist - you have to examine your own country and say, look!

~Carl Hiaasen

I never laugh or smile when I am writing. When I come home for lunch after writing all morning, my wife says I look like I just came home from a funeral. This is not bragging. This is an illness.

~Carl Hiaasen

I'd love to see a good script of one of my books, in these years of animations and comic book sequels, and had so many written over the years, but none quite clicked.

~Carl Hiaasen

Disney world is an armpit compared to Montana.

~Carl Hiaasen

Obviously you have to make a profit to put out a newspaper. I'm not an idiot. But when the margins are in excess of 25 per cent you're talking about greed.

~Carl Hiaasen

When I'm working on a novel of my own, I try to read mostly nonfiction, although sometimes I break down and peek at something else.

~Carl Hiaasen

Unfortunately, I don't get to read nearly as much as I want because I'm always working on my own stuff, either the novels or newspaper

columns.

~Carl Hiaasen

As frightening as this may sound, what you see in the books is the way I see the world. And so far I haven't seen anything, either in Florida or elsewhere, to dissuade me from it.

~Carl Hiaasen

There's this false notion that this is a regional phenomenon, when in fact every state in the union has hardcore rednecks. No exceptions.

~Carl Hiaasen

I still do a weekly opinion column for the Miami Herald, and it's like shooting fish in a barrel. Rotten fish.

~Carl Hiaasen

The TV commercials, which are endless and fairly crass, gave birth to Brock, the bad-lawyer character in Razor Girl. In real life you can find even sleazier examples than him.

~Carl Hiaasen

Unfortunately, Florida is a mecca for the shyster element, and there are apparently no rules on the kinds of advertising a lawyer can do.

~Carl Hiaasen

Ironically, I come from a family of lawyers - my dad, my grandfather, and now my oldest son. And some of my very best friends are lawyers, though they don't resemble the ones that appear in my novels.

~Carl Hiaasen

I love reality shows. The folks who dream up some of these concepts are either geniuses, or totally stoned.

~Carl Hiaasen

Humor can be an incredible, lacerating and effective weapon.

~Carl Hiaasen

I've never progressed very far from my days as a smart aleck in middle school.

~Carl Hiaasen

I'd always wanted to write books ever since I was a kid.

~Carl Hiaasen

That's what people do when they find a special place that wild and full of life, they trample it to death.

~Carl Hiaasen

Jimmy Lee Baylis was a wise man, and knew better than to talk back to the man who signed his paycheck.

~Carl Hiaasen

Garcia wondered why people with JESUS stickers on their bumper always drove twenty miles per hour under the speed limit. If God was my co-pilot, he thought, I'd be doing a hundred and twenty.

~Carl Hiaasen

I won't be making any friends in the corporate suites.

~Carl Hiaasen

Actually it was the mark of the stupid, which is what you get for sitting under a tree during a thunderstorm.

~Carl Hiaasen

...Right now there's a pair of bad cops on their way out here to shoot me." "You don't know that." "Yeah, you're right," Stranahan said. "They're probably just collecting Toys for Tots. Now go.

~Carl Hiaasen

Disney is just Disney. It's a company that's very good at what it does - controlling and promoting an image - until something happens that it can't control or cover up.

~Carl Hiaasen

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