

Chad Harbach

Quotes

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People thought becoming an adult meant that all your acts had consequences; in fact it was just the opposite.

~Chad Harbach

To my parents, writing seemed precarious and not the best idea.

~Chad Harbach

It is no fun at all to have been writing a book for seven or so years, especially when you've never published anything before.

~Chad Harbach

It was strange the way he loved her; a side long and almost casual love, as if loving her were simply a matter of course, too natural to mention.

~Chad Harbach

A lot of my close friends had tolerantly washed their hands of the whole idea of me writing a book. They had said to themselves, "I don't know what he's doing."

~Chad Harbach

... people loved to suffer, as long as the suffering made sense. Everybody suffered. The key was to choose the form of your suffering.

~Chad Harbach

Getting your foot in the door with some publishing people can be important when you're starting out as a writer, but it's also not enough to get you where you need to be.

~Chad Harbach

I play American football every Saturday, which I find calming.

~Chad Harbach

The novel has always been the form that incorporates other forms. For

me, it has always been the ultimate medium.

~Chad Harbach

For many years I didn't have health insurance.

~Chad Harbach

Every dude in your high school wasn't striving to be the best poet because then he'd get all the girls, right? But you could imagine a society in which that were the case.

~Chad Harbach

Tall people have a real advantage in the world.

~Chad Harbach

Somehow, you can achieve a directness in the novel that you can't get anywhere else.

~Chad Harbach

Fiction and nonfiction, for me, involve very different processes.

~Chad Harbach

It remained an open question, how much sympathy love could stand.

~Chad Harbach

The Human Condition being, basically, that we're alive and have access to beauty, can even erratically create it, but will someday be dead and will not.

~Chad Harbach

But people didn't forgive you for doing what felt right-that was the last thing they forgave you for.

~Chad Harbach

I sold a book six years after I left an MFA program. In between, there

was a lot of endurance of poverty and a lot of fighting off doubt. It's all a part of the process of being or becoming a writer.

~Chad Harbach

I'm just kind of really interested in athletes as artists of a pretty serious variety and people who devote themselves to what they do in a really incredible way.

~Chad Harbach

There are three stages: Thoughtless being. Thought. Return to thoughtless being.

~Chad Harbach

In fact, there's a lot to legitimately hate about pro sports and the way they are conducted.

~Chad Harbach

Other things awaited. It was good to be young and to know it for once. So much unfolding to do.

~Chad Harbach

You are skilled. I exhort you.

~Chad Harbach

Most great books have been about striving in some sense. In a sense, money is the great topic of the novel. You couldn't necessarily say that about poetry.

~Chad Harbach

For me, the process always has to be pretty intense. I could never write just two or three days a week. It had to be every day.

~Chad Harbach

Another older writer that had a huge influence on me is Chekhov. More

contemporarily, it's hard to say.

~Chad Harbach

I do think that sports is really rich dramatically that, and this is kind of a self-serving thing to say, but I wonder why there aren't more, better sports novels.

~Chad Harbach

My favorite sports novel is End Zone by Delillo. It's such a great looking book too, the black cover with the football player on it. It's just a fantastic little book.

~Chad Harbach

Writers have the purity of their art and what they want to achieve with that, and that this purity is bound up with the messy material conditions of trying to make a living while doing that work.

~Chad Harbach

I tended to write the book in these bursts of two or three months at a time. So I would know, or at least feel securely, that for the next few months I was at least going to have a few hours a day.

~Chad Harbach

Most writers, most books, you have no idea whether it was a dollar or a million dollars.

~Chad Harbach

It's very hard right now to be a pro sports fan. The economics of this stuff is abysmal.

~Chad Harbach

You don't have to even see the common man anymore if you don't want to! Only through the telescope on your yacht.

~Chad Harbach

The challenge for any fiction writer is that your job involves simply sitting at a desk for a very, very long time.

~Chad Harbach

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