

# David Hare

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In oratory the will must predominate.

~David Hare

Sudden resolutions, like the sudden rise of mercury in a barometer, indicate little else than the variability of the weather.

~David Hare

Poetry is the key to the hieroglyphics of nature.

~David Hare

Smiles are the language of love.

~David Hare

Never take advice from anyone with no investment in the outcome.

~David Hare

When you get older, then you feel death not at the end of the road, but death all around you, in everything. Life is saturated with death. I feel death everywhere.

~David Hare

Weak minds sink under prosperity as well as adversity; but strong and deep ones have two high tides.

~David Hare

No one but a fool is always right.

~David Hare

Thought is the wind and knowledge the sail.

~David Hare

Style is the art of getting yourself out of the way, not putting yourself in it.

~David Hare

The most important playwright's gift is to hit your time and speak to your time.

~David Hare

You cant get a contemporary story about what is going on inside government, and how society sees itself, on American TV.

~David Hare

The ultimate tendency of civilization is towards barbarism.

~David Hare

An inability to handle language is not the same thing as stupidity.

~David Hare

The great mystery of adaptation is that true fidelity can only be achieved through lavish promiscuity.

~David Hare

If you kill a character people feel sad. That's too easy.

~David Hare

The future of American film lies on television.

~David Hare

Trying to be a socialist and a libertarian is obviously a very difficult balancing act, which nobody has pulled off too successfully in this century.

~David Hare

To those whose God is honor; only disgrace is a sin.

~David Hare

Purity is the feminine, truth the masculine of honor.

~David Hare

I actually think love changes everything. I think it's the only thing worth having.

~David Hare

The poetry from the eighteenth century was prose; the prose from the seventeenth century was poetry.

~David Hare

A weak mind sinks under prosperity, as well as under adversity. A strong and deep mind has two highest tides - when the moon is at the full, and when there is no moon.

~David Hare

I believe love opens people up.

~David Hare

Children always turn to the light.

~David Hare

Via Dolorosa is the only thing I have ever acted in my life, professionally, and I'll never act again.

~David Hare

The one thing that Via Dolorosa has is no opinions. To me, curiosity is 50 times as valuable as opinion.

~David Hare

In those days, the early 1980s, TV and film were interchangeable.

~David Hare

One of the depressing things in England is the total orthodoxy: the law is handed down from Downing Street.

~David Hare

I'm trying to write something in which you know that it's all about sex but you never see any.

~David Hare

I have a very, very good relationship with 10 percent of the audience. The only purpose of art is intimacy. That's the only point.

~David Hare

One of the things I find about getting older is that I seem to get louder, more voluble; that I constantly have to walk around repressing my vitality.

~David Hare

I think the novel is the American form because people read it in private, and the only valuable things that happen in America happen in private life, because public life is a dead loss.

~David Hare

I'm vey bad at marshaling arguments. I can't, at a dinner party, explain why I'm a socialist and why others should be socialists as well.

~David Hare

Insofar as I'm good at directing, it's because I've become a writer.

~David Hare

[David] Mamet's the writer I admire most but he's way off from when he tries to talk about what the moral appeal of liberal thought is. His heart is not in it.

~David Hare

The orthodoxy of America is as rigid as that of Soviet Russia. There is one point of view allowed. If you start a conversation from another point of view, the words dry in your mouth.

~David Hare

I never used to kill characters, because I thought killing characters was cheating.

~David Hare

It's inevitable that you will die, so the only question is when. The great thrillers are the moments that play and tease with the question, "When will it be?"

~David Hare

As you write plays, you discover what you believe. And until you know what you believe, you can't write a play.

~David Hare

The majority don't like me before the curtain goes up, and I always have to win them.

~David Hare

The actual business of writing dialogue is not thought of as a craft.

~David Hare

I fell into writing plays by accident. But the reason I write plays is that it's the only thing I'm any good at.

~David Hare

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