

Hari Kunzru

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I can see a version of my life where it all becomes meaningless. On a good day, writing seems noble. Other times, it's narcissistic and pointless.

~Hari Kunzru

I suffer from vertigo. It's paralyzing in extreme situations. The most scared I've been as an adult was trying to conquer that fear by going climbing in Wales.

~Hari Kunzru

I'm fascinated by the emergence of a global class. They're highly mobile; they reject the idea of place.

~Hari Kunzru

In my early teens, science fiction and fantasy had an almost-total hold over my imagination. Their outcast status was part of their appeal.

~Hari Kunzru

Intellectuals who live in Hungary, or who wish to work or lecture there, are extremely circumspect in their criticism.

~Hari Kunzru

There are still some terrible cliches in the presentation of Indian fiction. The lotus flower. The hennaed hands. In mainland Europe, people still slap these images on my books and I go bananas.

~Hari Kunzru

When I try to understand somebody, create a character, I fall into them. When I think writers are telling me what to think, I get harrumphy.

~Hari Kunzru

I stand on my public record as a defender of the human rights of Muslims, notably my work for Moazzam Begg and other British Muslims detained without trial in Guantanamo Bay.

~Hari Kunzru

I like moral judgment to emerge from the reader. We are being sold a very simplistic morality by our leaders at a time when nuance and understanding are at a premium.

~Hari Kunzru

I enjoy thinking myself into other times and places. I don't like some of the conventions of the 'historical novel', but I think there's a way of doing it that has a lot of merit.

~Hari Kunzru

Critchley and Webster's fierce, witty exploration of Hamlet makes most other writing about Shakespeare seem simpleminded.

~Hari Kunzru

There's an explosion of Indian fiction of all kinds, from military thrillers to chicklit. I think that's exciting.

~Hari Kunzru

There's nothing New York likes more than a thing. Or a place. Or a place that's a thing. Or a thing that happens to be a place.

~Hari Kunzru

Some books I've kept because the binding is beautiful - I'm unlikely ever to read my grandmother's copy of 'The Life of Lord Nelson.' I'm addicted to secondhand bookshops.

~Hari Kunzru

Suburbia is all about private ownership and not having to share, and it leads to a paranoid, defensive mindset. I know this, having grown up in Essex.

~Hari Kunzru

I think it's important for all culturally literate people to understand the technological substrate of new developments.

~Hari Kunzru

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