

Harlan Coben Quotes

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You bring your own weather to the picnic.

~Harlan Coben

The ugliest truth, in the end, was still better than the prettiest of lies.

~Harlan Coben

Only bad writers think they're good.

~Harlan Coben

Hope can be the most wonderful thing in the world or it can crush your heart like an eggshell.

~Harlan Coben

There are three things that make a person a writer: inspiration, perspiration and desperation.

~Harlan Coben

..."better to have loved and lost" bullshit. Don't show me paradise and then burn it down.

~Harlan Coben

Sometimes the loudest cries for help are silent.

~Harlan Coben

Trust is like that. You can break it for a good reason. But it still remains broken.

~Harlan Coben

A novel is like a sausage. You might like the final taste but you don't want to see how it was made.

~Harlan Coben

This is the price you pay for having a great father. You get the wonder, the joy, the tender moments - and you get the tears at the end, too.

~Harlan Coben

I'm a little bit of a control freak.

~Harlan Coben

I always think the insecurity is going to go away, but it's always there. Only bad writers think they're good.

~Harlan Coben

The actual writing time is a lot shorter than the thinking time.

~Harlan Coben

Memories, you see, hurt. The good ones most of all.

~Harlan Coben

Im 48 years old, not a kid anymore by any definition, but here is a universal truth that every adult at some point will realize: We are all always 17 years old, waiting for our lives to begin.

~Harlan Coben

Hope is cruel. Hope reminds me of what almost was. Hope makes the physical ache return.

~Harlan Coben

This was a place where tattoos outnumbered teeth.

~Harlan Coben

Kids don't do what their parents say-they do what they see their parents do. So who was to blame here?

~Harlan Coben

Painful memories didn't just ease back in-they shoved the door open hard, all of them and all at once

~Harlan Coben

Years fly by, but the heart stays in the same place.

~Harlan Coben

In real life, coincidences happen all the time. In novels, they are leapt upon with fury.

~Harlan Coben

I pretty much only wear Lilly Pulitzer ties because my best friend owns the company.

~Harlan Coben

I try to stress to my children that buying something never leads to true happiness.

~Harlan Coben

I am, after all, a thriller writer. I routinely delve into the darkest chambers of the human heart. I've written about murder, kidnapping, depravity, horror, violence, and disfigurement.

~Harlan Coben

Writing a novel in general is like trying to reach a mountain top you'll never quite reach - so you try again and maybe get a little closer.

~Harlan Coben

I still try to make the "next" book my "best" book. I want to grip and move you in unexpected ways.

~Harlan Coben

Tragedy is a hell of a teacher. It's much too strict, but it's a hell of a teacher.

~Harlan Coben

If I had, say, a tall, amateur male lead living on the campus of a rural college (Six Years), the next book might feature a short, cop who lives

in the heart of Manhattan (Missing You).

~Harlan Coben

I would rather raise certain topics and maybe let you ruminate on them. I'm not big on answering them.

~Harlan Coben

The first sip of beer on a hot day is like that first finger-dip when you open a new jar of peanut butter.

~Harlan Coben

I love to make even villains people you can relate to. When you find out who did it, I think you almost like the person, which is not easy to do.

~Harlan Coben

...desperation can toy with you and if you give desperation any wiggle room, it will find alternative answers

~Harlan Coben

That's the problem with falling in love. It makes you start talking like a bad country song

~Harlan Coben

For a short time, I hated them. But when you think about it, what good does that do? It takes so much to hold on to hateâ€”you lose your grip on what's important, you know?

~Harlan Coben

When you like something and you're pretty good at it and you can make a living doing it, you don't ask why. You just count your blessings and go with it.

~Harlan Coben

There is a certain fate to the universe and a certain randomness.

~Harlan Coben

When I was seventeen, I worked as a counsellor at a co-ed sleep-away camp for eight weeks. I loved it but it could be harrowing - it was far too much responsibility for someone my age.

~Harlan Coben

Sometimes even when the book is over I dont know whos good and whos bad. Its really more interesting, I think, to write about gray characters than it is to write about black and white.

~Harlan Coben

So basically your plan is to flail about helplessly.

~Harlan Coben

The preparation for building a series of thrillers based on a single character is kind of like the preparation for becoming a parent: The best part is the idea - wink, wink.

~Harlan Coben

The actual writing time is a lot shorter than the thinking time. I don't do too many notes. I keep it mostly in my head. I usually start writing a new book around January, and it's due October 1.

~Harlan Coben

We're called New Jersey but we're actually the suburbs of New York.

~Harlan Coben

An hour before his world exploded like a ripe tomato under a stiletto heel, Myron bit into a fresh pastry that tasted suspiciously like urinal cake.

~Harlan Coben

I once worked as a tour guide in the Costa del Sol of Spain.

~Harlan Coben

Man plans. God laughs.

~Harlan Coben

Amazing what we can self-rationalize when we really want something

~Harlan Coben

Frankly I'm fairly boring or fairly busy. Between writing and family, I have little time for anything else.

~Harlan Coben

A trial is two narratives competing for your attention.

~Harlan Coben

There are few times that I feel more at peace, more in tune, more Zen, if you will, than when I force myself to unplug.

~Harlan Coben

I'd never had money growing up, and it's never been that important to me, except maybe to take our kids on a nice vacation or something like that.

~Harlan Coben

I like to go out and write. So I'll often go to a Starbucks or a local coffee bar, and I'll sit there and I'll write. I can write pretty much anywhere.

~Harlan Coben

I've never chased the dollar, I've always chased the reader's heart. I love having more readers. The more people who read it, the more thrilled I am.

~Harlan Coben

I'm thinking of taking up golf, but the idea of spending time with golfers

frightens me.

~Harlan Coben

Kate Atkinson is an absolute must-read. I love everything she writes.

~Harlan Coben

I would never write a memoir, because it would be too boring.

~Harlan Coben

You want this so badlyâ€”this second chance, this chance at real redemptionâ€”that you can't see the truth.

~Harlan Coben

In short, the satisfaction of creating, not necessarily the process, always lifts my heart.

~Harlan Coben

I'm the Jerry Lewis of crime fiction.

~Harlan Coben

I'm not very happy idle. There's always this voice in my head that says, 'I should be writing.'

~Harlan Coben

You don't worry about happiness and fulfilment when you're starving.

~Harlan Coben

The most annoying and full- of- crap thing a writer says is, I write only for myself, I don't care if anyone reads it. A writer without a reader doesn't exist.

~Harlan Coben

We all think that we are uniquely complex, that no one can see what we are thinking - yet we also believe that we have the rare ability to read

others. This fascinates me at the moment.

~Harlan Coben

There is the old catch-22 line that a mentally unstable person can't know, as per their illness, that they are unstable. But that was wrong. You can and do have the insight to see your own crazy.

~Harlan Coben

Getting into a fight with a popular senior. Pissing off a school teacher and the local chief of police. Hanging with two major-league losers." She slapped my back. "Welcome to high school.

~Harlan Coben

Its funny how you can let yourself forget for seconds, how even in the heat of the horrible, you can have moments when you fool yourself into thinking it might all be okay

~Harlan Coben

I'm also inspired by anything that I consider great. It makes me want to raise my game too - Hitchcock movies, Hopper paintings, Springsteen concerts.

~Harlan Coben

That's what a good crime novelist - any good novelist - should do with you: play with your perceptions while showing you everything in plain sight.

~Harlan Coben

"So basically, that entire theory is blown to hell." "Not basically," Win corrected. "Entirely."

~Harlan Coben

Life may not always fall into neat chapters, and you may not always get the satisfying ending you're looking for, but sometimes a good

explanation is all the rewrite you need.

~Harlan Coben

You can't have an up without a down, a right without a left, a back without a front - or a happy without a sad.

~Harlan Coben

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