

Harry Houdini Quotes

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Years, Performers, Tired, Mouths, Looks, Mind, Tricks, I'm Tired, Fighting,
Mystery*

No prison can hold me; no hand or leg irons or steel locks can shackle me. No ropes or chains can keep me from my freedom.

~Harry Houdini

My Brain is the key that sets me free.

~Harry Houdini

Never try to fool children, they expect nothing, and therefore see everything.

~Harry Houdini

What the eyes sees, the ear hears, and the mind believes.

~Harry Houdini

Never tell the audience how good you are, they will soon find out for themselves.

~Harry Houdini

Magic is the sole science not accepted by scientists, because they can't understand it.

~Harry Houdini

My chief task has been to conquer fear. The public sees only the thrill of the accomplished trick; they have no conception of the tortuous preliminary self-training that was necessary to conquer fear.

~Harry Houdini

Some say I do it this way, others say I do it that way, but I say I do it the other way.

~Harry Houdini

Keep up your enthusiasm! There is nothing more contagious than exuberant enthusiasm.

~Harry Houdini

The greatest escape I ever made was when I left Appleton, Wisconsin.

~Harry Houdini

An old trick well done is far better than a new trick with no effect.

~Harry Houdini

A magician is only an actor - an actor pretending to be a magician.

~Harry Houdini

The secret of showmanship consists not of what you really do, but what the mystery-loving public thinks you do.

~Harry Houdini

I always have on my mind the thought that next year I must do something greater, something more wonderful.

~Harry Houdini

Look at this life - all mystery and magic.

~Harry Houdini

Fire has always been and, seemingly, will always remain, the most terrible of the elements.

~Harry Houdini

Anyone who believes in magic is a fool.

~Harry Houdini

The Sun represents the right half of the body and the Moon the left half.

~Harry Houdini

But then, so far as I know, I am the only performer who ever pledged his assistants to secrecy, honor and allegiance under a notarial oath.

~Harry Houdini

Rosabelle - answer - tell - pray, answer - look - tell - answer, answer - tell.

~Harry Houdini

My professional life has been a constant record of disillusion, and many things that seem wonderful to most men are the every-day commonplaces of my business.

~Harry Houdini

Eating coals of fire has always been one of the sensational feats of the Fire Kings, as it is quite generally known that charcoal burns with an extremely intense heat.

~Harry Houdini

Only one man ever betrayed my confidence, and that only in a minor matter.

~Harry Houdini

The great trouble with magicians is the fact that they believe when they have bought a certain trick or piece of apparatus, and know the method of procedure, that they are full-fledged mystifiers.

~Harry Houdini

I make the most money, I think, in Russia and Paris, for the people of those countries are so willing to be amused, so eager to see something new and out of the ordinary.

~Harry Houdini

I do not believe that ghosts or spirits exist.

~Harry Houdini

No performer should attempt to bite off red-hot iron unless he has a good set of teeth.

~Harry Houdini

The pickpocket is usually very well dressed and of prepossessing appearance.

~Harry Houdini

Another method of eating burning coals employs small balls of burned cotton in a dish of burning alcohol.

~Harry Houdini

It is needless to say that women make the most patient as well as the most dangerous pickpockets.

~Harry Houdini

I'm tired of fighting, Dash. I guess this thing is going to get me.

~Harry Houdini

I'm tired of fighting...

~Harry Houdini

They do tricks even I can't figure out.

~Harry Houdini

Flames from the lips may be produced by holding in the mouth a sponge saturated with the purest gasoline.

~Harry Houdini

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The eating of burning brimstone is an entirely fake performance.

~Harry Houdini

The great day of the Fire-eater - or, should I say, the day of the great Fire-eater - has passed.

~Harry Houdini

Pickpockets either work alone or in pairs, or what is called a mob.

~Harry Houdini

It is still an open question, however, as to what extent exposure really injures a performer.

~Harry Houdini

Disloyalty in trusted servants is one of the most disheartening things that can happen to a public performer.

~Harry Houdini

How the early priests came into possession of these secrets does not appear, and if there were ever any records of this kind the Church would hardly allow them to become public.

~Harry Houdini

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