

John Hersey

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Journalism allows its readers to witness history; fiction gives its readers an opportunity to live it.

~John Hersey

Learning starts with failure; the first failure is the beginning of education.

~John Hersey

What has kept the world safe from the bomb since 1945 has not been deterrence, in the sense of fear of specific weapons, so much as it's been memory. The memory of what happened at Hiroshima.

~John Hersey

The second stage set in ten or fifteen days after the bombing. The main symptom was falling hair. Diarrhoea and fever, which in some cases went as high as 106, came next.

~John Hersey

The final test of a work of art is not whether it has beauty, but whether it has power.

~John Hersey

Events are less important than our responses to them.

~John Hersey

It's a failure of national vision when you regard children as weapons, and talents as materials you can mine, assay, and fabricate for profit and defense.

~John Hersey

There, in the tin factory, in the first moment of the atomic age, a human being was crushed by books.

~John Hersey

To my great surprise, I never heard anyone cry out in the disorder, even though they suffered in great agony. They died in silence, with no grudge, setting their teeth to bear it. All for the country!

~John Hersey

The reality is that changes are coming... They must come. You must share in bringing them.

~John Hersey

The writer must not invent. The legend on the license must read: NONE OF THIS WAS MADE UP.

~John Hersey

To be a writer is to throw away a great deal, not to be satisfied, to type again, and then again and once more, and over and over.

~John Hersey

My two major faults are that I row too long and pick up too many women

~John Hersey

I thought of God as being able to talk big and write **very** small.

~John Hersey

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