

Karan Mahajan

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How do you prevent attacks from becoming the very fabric of lived life in a city? Of course it's very easy to say you should be fearless and go about your daily life.

~Karan Mahajan

It's very good for us to say, as liberals, that we should be moved by everything, but the fact is that there's just so much competing for our attention.

~Karan Mahajan

The feeling I got from my research is that the victims of bombings end up becoming as alienated from the government as the terrorists who cause the attacks.

~Karan Mahajan

I also think that there's something about the graphic, political nature of such attacks, mixed with the fact that it all seems completely random to the victims.

~Karan Mahajan

Of course I had a piece of luck I couldn't have imagine for myself in a million years: I got an agent. That sped up the process. I'd say it's a good idea, getting an agent.

~Karan Mahajan

For whatever reason, people know that car crashes can happen but they don't live with that fear every day when they're driving, or they're able to overcome it.

~Karan Mahajan

People are rushed and inspired by the success of Indian writers, and are falling over themselves to write novels. Every Indian is writing a novel right now. No one wants to revise.

~Karan Mahajan

The West, in the form of American capitalism, is seen as having won, but people are beginning to offer alternatives again, sometimes in retrograde ways like radical Islam.

~Karan Mahajan

I'm more interested than Philip Roth in understanding women, even if I do it imperfectly. But that book, Portnoy's Complaint, is literary punk in this way that is rare.

~Karan Mahajan

The problem of empathy is pretty universal, and pretty much breaks down across America. People can't feel beyond their drawn borders. And skin color and culture have a lot to do with that.

~Karan Mahajan

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