

Laura Hillenbrand

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This self-respect and sense of self-worth, the innermost armament of the soul, lies at the heart of humanness; to be deprived of it is to be dehumanized, to be cleaved from, and cast below, mankind.

~Laura Hillenbrand

People think I must have been turning cartwheels on the night I sealed the movie deal - which was only two days after sealing the book deal - but I was really quite terrified.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I think authors can get into trouble viewing the subject matter as their turf

~Laura Hillenbrand

It's easy to talk to a horse if you understand his language. Horses stay the same from the day they are born until the day they die. They are only changed by the way people treat them.

~Laura Hillenbrand

For me, being a writer was never a choice. I was born one. All through my childhood I wrote short stories and stuffed them in drawers. I wrote on everything. I didn't do my homework so I could write

~Laura Hillenbrand

The paradox of vengefulness is that it makes men dependent upon those who have harmed them, believing that their release from pain will come only when their tormentors suffer.

~Laura Hillenbrand

Without dignity, identity is erased. In its absence, men are defined not by themselves, but by their captors and the circumstances in which they are forced to live.

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His books were the closest thing he had to furniture and he lived in them the way other men live in easy chairs.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I just thought I was empty and now I'm being filled...and I just wanted to keep being filled.

~Laura Hillenbrand

His conviction that everything happened for a reason, and would come to good, gave him laughing equanimity even in hard times.

~Laura Hillenbrand

A lifetime of glory is worth a moment of pain. Louie thought: Let go.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I'm attracted to subjects who overcome tremendous suffering and learn to cope emotionally with it

~Laura Hillenbrand

Fatigue is what we experience, but it is what a match is to an atomic bomb.

~Laura Hillenbrand

... character reigns preeminent in determining potential.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I am in an altogether new world now. I can think of nothing more wonderful. It is a real touch of all that heaven means.

~Laura Hillenbrand

When he thought of his history, what resonated with him now was not

all that he had suffered but the divine love that he believed had intervened to save him.

~Laura Hillenbrand

But with nonfiction, the task is very straightforward: Do the research, tell the story

~Laura Hillenbrand

I think if I had been writing fiction, where the work is entirely dependent on the writer's creativity and the potential directions the narrative might take are infinite, I might have frozen

~Laura Hillenbrand

I identified in a very deep way with the individuals I was writing about because the theme that runs through this story is of extraordinary hardship and the will to overcome it.

~Laura Hillenbrand

My work was entirely nonfiction.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I have vertigo. Vertigo makes it feel like the floor is pitching up and down. Things seem to be spinning. It's like standing on the deck of a ship in really high seas.

~Laura Hillenbrand

My agent and I put out my proposal one Thursday afternoon in August, 1998. Publishers started bidding immediately, and that process progressed for a few days.

~Laura Hillenbrand

Having a lot of people suddenly depending on me to get the job done was a marvelous motivator. The book and movie deals seemed to flip a switch in my head, and off I went

~Laura Hillenbrand

My illness is excruciating and difficult to cope with. It takes over your entire life and causes more suffering than I can describe.

~Laura Hillenbrand

What God asks of men, said [Billy] Graham, is faith. His invisibility is the truest test of that faith. To know who sees him, God makes himself unseen.

~Laura Hillenbrand

Books on horse racing subjects have never done well, and I am told that publishers had come to think of them as the literary version of box office poison

~Laura Hillenbrand

...maybe it was better to break a man's leg than to break his heart.

~Laura Hillenbrand

Dignity is as essential to human life as water, food, and oxygen.

~Laura Hillenbrand

At that moment, something shifted sweetly inside him. It was forgiveness, beautiful and effortless and complete. For Louie Zamperini, the war was over.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I am disabled, so I can't travel, and I have not been to any development meetings, but Gary and the others affiliated with the film keep me updated on everything.

~Laura Hillenbrand

For 'Seabiscuit,' I interviewed 100 people I never met.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I have to detach myself completely from aspirations. I hardly ever listen to music anymore because it arouses all of this yearning in me

~Laura Hillenbrand

I look at the film as an opportunity to see some bountifully creative minds do something that I could not do - tell the story with images. I can't wait to see what they do.

~Laura Hillenbrand

I spoke to my agent and learned that a Hollywood scout had seen my proposal in one of the publishing houses, and had faxed it to Hollywood, where it was generating a lot of interest

~Laura Hillenbrand

I've used a cellphone exactly twice. Things move on. The world changes. And I don't know it

~Laura Hillenbrand

I got sick when I was 19, and I'd been a really healthy 19-year-old, so I don't have a lot to compare it to. Does it feel like the pain after you give birth? I don't know

~Laura Hillenbrand

I had been writing professionally since 1988

~Laura Hillenbrand

We just sat there and watched the plane pass the island, and it never came back," he said. "I could see it on the radar. It makes you feel terrible. Life was cheap in war.

~Laura Hillenbrand

The biggest problem has been exhaustion. I've spent about 6 of the last 14 years completely bedridden.

~Laura Hillenbrand

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