

Ma Jian Quotes

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Beijing Coma took me 10 years to finish.

~Ma Jian

Only when you are aware of the uniqueness of everyones individual body will you begin to have a sense of your own self-worth.

~Ma Jian

When history is erased, people's moral values are also erased.

~Ma Jian

Everything I was I carry with me, everything I will belies waiting on the road ahead.

~Ma Jian

I believe that the power of literature is stronger than the power of tyranny.

~Ma Jian

China is completely lacking in self-awareness and as someone who has stepped outside that society, I have a responsibility to write about it as I see it.

~Ma Jian

I left Beijing in 1987, shortly before my books were banned there, but have returned continually.

~Ma Jian

Tyrannies not only want to control your mind and thoughts but your flesh as well.

~Ma Jian

The literal meaning of the Chinese characters for revolution is elimination of life

~Ma Jian

Living in London is like being on a luxury cruise liner.

~Ma Jian

The Beijing Olympics represent China's grand entrance onto the world stage and confirmation of its new superpower status.

~Ma Jian

I wanted to analyse and understand how the Chinese people could have their lives so crushed by fear.

~Ma Jian

It is vitally important for me, both personally and for my writing, to be able to return to China freely, so being barred entry has caused me deep concern and distress.

~Ma Jian

Red Dust was about the late 1980s; it was a time of burgeoning hopes and opening up and people searching for new ways.

~Ma Jian

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