

Michael Hastings

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Soldier*

A woman I loved [Andi Parhamovich] was killed in Baghdad in January 2007 - al-Qaeda in Iraq took credit for it â€¦ The memorial service with me crying over an empty coffin.

~Michael Hastings

General McChrystal wanted to be on the cover of Rolling Stone.

~Michael Hastings

I have a deep-seated skepticism about the morality of violence. Violence is almost always morally corrosive.

~Michael Hastings

I want to be the greatest investigative reporter of my generation.

~Michael Hastings

I think when war becomes your life, I think its very difficult to have the proper perspective to be able to create a fully balanced policy.

~Michael Hastings

Look, I went into journalism to do journalism, not advertising.

~Michael Hastings

When writing for a mass audience, put a fact in every sentence.

~Michael Hastings

If the thumbnail version of the Iraq war was that Bush lied about WMD, the thumbnail version of Obama's war in Afghanistan is that the generals pushed him into a war he didn't want to fight.

~Michael Hastings

The fact is, psychiatric help is not widely available to CIA agents - and as in the military, there is a stigma attached to admitting post-traumatic stress.

~Michael Hastings

By the second sentence of a pitch, the entirety of the story should be explained.

~Michael Hastings

Despite failing to get bin Laden, the U.S. government and media portrayed the early Afghanistan war as a great victory.

~Michael Hastings

I thought Gen. McChrystal was unfireable, that his position was secure.

~Michael Hastings

After a decade of war you have this Pentagon-military apparatus run amok using resources that they shouldn't be to try to manipulate U.S. public opinion.

~Michael Hastings

Whether or not Afghanistan would be a peaceful nation-state had we not gone into Iraq I doubt. Afghanistan is going to be Afghanistan, no matter how hard we try to make it something else.

~Michael Hastings

The humanitarian argument is so selective I find it difficult to swallow. It's not even so much about the choice as to where we should get involved and where we shouldn't.

~Michael Hastings

During the invasion of Iraq in 2003, the military conducted only a handful of drone missions.

~Michael Hastings

The only thing I've ever regretted is not writing more; not being more honest; not saying how it really is in Baghdad. It's hard to get there sometimes.

~Michael Hastings

The guys on the ground are the guys I care about. I've had the most satisfaction telling their stories. But when you're in combat with somebody, yes, a bond does grow.

~Michael Hastings

The State Department is essentially... I was going to use the word useless. But I don't know if that's correct.

~Michael Hastings

The fact that our largest presence in the world is our massive military is going to dictate how we engage with the world.

~Michael Hastings

Look at the violence in Pakistan and the presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan: the more troops we put in the more violent Pakistan becomes.

~Michael Hastings

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