

Robert Harris

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People perish. Books are immortal.

~Robert Harris

Golf requires only a few simple Rules and Regulations to guide the players in the true nature of its sporting appeal. The spirit of the game is its own referee.

~Robert Harris

The true currency of life is time, not money, and we've all got a limited stock of that.

~Robert Harris

You can't make sense of the present unless a part of you lives in the past.

~Robert Harris

But clever people all make one mistake. They all think everyone else is stupid. And everyone isn't stupid. They just take a bit more time, that's all.

~Robert Harris

Politics is never a victory, it's just the remorseless grinding forward of events.

~Robert Harris

Their souls were contagious. ... Bloodsuckers, spiders and vampires: that was what Lenin called them.

~Robert Harris

Suicide leaves everyone feeling guilty.

~Robert Harris

If one first gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.

~Robert Harris

The financial world is at the cutting edge of high technology.

~Robert Harris

The natural impulse of men is to follow and whoever has the strongest sense of purpose will always dominate.

~Robert Harris

Another of Cicero's maxims was that if you must do something unpopular, you might as well do it wholeheartedly, for in politics there is no credit to be won by timidity.

~Robert Harris

By dawn he had surrendered, gratefully, to the old inertia, the product of always seeing both sides of every question.

~Robert Harris

My literary career was a fluke. Utterly unexpected.

~Robert Harris

To be brave, by definition, one has first to be afraid.

~Robert Harris

You can't ever win the war on crime, or the war on terror. You can't repeal human nature.

~Robert Harris

If you spend too long trying to avoid death, you will be dead in at least one way.

~Robert Harris

Working 14 hours a day until you're 55 and missing your kids growing up is not what I would consider a recipe for happiness.

~Robert Harris

Cicero most reminds me of Harold Wilson. Both men knew how to keep the show on the road.

~Robert Harris

It is perseverance, and not genius that takes a man to the top. Rome is full of unrecognized geniuses. Only perseverance enables you to move forward in the world.

~Robert Harris

You can always spot a fool, for he is a man who will tell you he knows who is going to win an election.

~Robert Harris

What is leadership, after all, but the blind choice of one route over another and the confident pretense that the decision was based on reason

~Robert Harris

If long hitting is the thing that causes the spectators to whistle through their teeth in wonderment, why not play tournaments up and down an expansive stadium?

~Robert Harris

Cicero smiled at us. 'The art of life is to deal with problems as they arise, rather than destroy one's spirit by worrying about them too far in advance. Especially tonight.

~Robert Harris

Storytelling has a narcotic power.

~Robert Harris

What a heap of ash most political careers amount to, when one really stops to consider them!

~Robert Harris

Does a name stick because it suits a man or does the man, unconsciously, evolve into his name?

~Robert Harris

In a way I'm almost more rueful about the notion of having a non-ideological Labour party than I am about the personality of Tony Blair.

~Robert Harris

I write as well as I can. I'm a journalist at heart, so it's the story that matters.

~Robert Harris

History is what we bring to it, not just the events themselves, but how we interpret those events.

~Robert Harris

Orwell has always been a huge influence on me.

~Robert Harris

I've always just wanted to earn my living by writing. The best thing is to go into my study in the morning and stay there and put words together.

~Robert Harris

One cannot see any world leader who has got a grip on the financial markets these days. They're too big, too fast. I think that's quite scary.

~Robert Harris

I was a political journalist; I came to writing novels through an interest in politics and power.

~Robert Harris

History is too important to be left to the historians.

~Robert Harris

[Boxer is] the ultimate tool for the serious pro' that can't afford the time and patience to mess around with lesser products.

~Robert Harris

But only a fool sails into combat with nature

~Robert Harris

You find out what you think by talking to yourself.

~Robert Harris

Egyptologists, skilled in piecing together the papyri of lost civilisations, suddenly discovered that the same talent could be applied to working out the pattern of German radio traffic.

~Robert Harris

It implies a slight failure as a writer that you are reduced to being a ghostwriter for the money.

~Robert Harris

If you go back, 'The Great Gatsby' would be a portrait of the rich and fortune made by business.

~Robert Harris

I think that whenever a nation feels itself to be at its zenith, it starts to feel a creeping sense of anxiety.

~Robert Harris

Tape is the archiving champ and has been for decades. Reliable, less expensive than disks and available in large-scale robotic systems that store petabytes.

~Robert Harris

I think it's very, very hard not to go slightly crazy if you're in the top in politics, especially if you're there for a long time.

~Robert Harris

Everyone thinks politics will just go on the way it is. I don't agree.

~Robert Harris

Don't try to write too much in a single session. One thousand words a day is quite enough. Stop after about four or five hours.

~Robert Harris

A police state is a country run by criminals

~Robert Harris

That young man seeks opportunities to test his principles as readily as a drunk picks fights in a bar.

~Robert Harris

It's when you've stopped writing and are doing other things, especially when you're asleep, that the real work is done.

~Robert Harris

My greatest regret as a writer is that I've never been able to include as many jokes as I'd like.

~Robert Harris

Humans have changed little over time. We think we've invented the modern world but they were making better speeches 2,000 years ago and grappling with issues of empire and terrorism.

~Robert Harris

Power brings a man many luxuries, but a clean pair of hands is seldom among them.

~Robert Harris

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