

Ryszard Kapuscinski

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I remember that during the period leading up to independence in Angola in 1975, I was the only correspondent there at all for three months.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

The official independence celebration was going to be held over four or five days, and a group of journalists from all over the world was allowed to fly in, because Angola was closed otherwise.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Money changes all the iron rules into rubber bands.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

My writing is a combination of three elements. The first is travel: not travel like a tourist, but travel as exploration. The second is reading literature on the subject. The third is reflection.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

The tradition of Russian literature is also an eastern tradition of learning poetry and prose by heart.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Our salvation is in striving to achieve what we know we'll never achieve.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

More than anything, one is struck by the light. Light everywhere. Brightness everywhere. Everywhere, the sun.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Photographing expresses human desire to preserve passing time. It is like a man struggling with time that elapses, and in general - a desire to preserve oneself.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

In order to feel contempt, you generally need to cherish some kind of feelings.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Our job is like a baker's work - his rolls are tasty as long as they're fresh; after two days they're stale; after a week, they're covered with mould and fit only to be thrown out.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

The Cold War was waged in a particularly brutal and cynical way in Africa, and Africa seemed powerless to do anything to stop it.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

I'm trying to put more elements of the essay into my writing.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

The Cold War in Africa is one of the darkest, most disgraceful pages in contemporary history, and everybody ought to be ashamed.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

When is a crisis reached? When questions arise that can't be answered.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

When man meets an obstacle he can't destroy, he destroys himself.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Do not be misled by the fact that you are at liberty and relatively free; that for the moment you are not under lock and key: you have simply been granted a reprieve.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

In the Russian experience, although the Russian state is oppressive, it is their state, it is part of their fabric, and so the relation between

Russian citizens and their state is complicated.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

He killed his enemies because he was afraid they would kill him. Amin ordered entire tribes to be put to death, because he feared they would rebel.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Amin knew that neither West nor East would criticize him for fear that he would support the other side. He felt he was untouchable and he said so openly.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

This is the most intimate relationship between literature and its readers: they treat the text as a part of themselves, as a possession.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

The extent of one man's guilt may be defined by how much of it is experienced by the party he injured.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

There are several reasons why Russians view the oppressive state positively. First, in the Russian Orthodox religion, there is an understanding of authority as something sent by God.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

If the crowd disperses, goes home, does not reassemble, we say the revolution is over.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Literature seemed to be everything then. People looked to it for the strength to live, for guidance, for revelation.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

Amin hid nothing. Everybody knew everything. Yet the American Senate only introduced a resolution breaking off trade with Amin three months before his overthrow.

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

if reason ruled the world would history even exist?

~Ryszard Kapuscinski

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