

Siddhartha Mukherjee

Quotes

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Culture, Population*

Good physicians are rarely dispassionate. They agonize and self-doubt over patients.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Pharmacology is benefited by the prepared mind. You need to know what you are looking for.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

History repeats, but science reverberates.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

I think the cardinal rule of learning to write is learning to read first. I learned to write by learning to read.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

All cancers are alike but they are alike in a unique way.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Cancer was not disorganized chromosomal chaos. It was organized chromosomal chaos

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

There is a very moving and ancient connection between cancer and depression.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Down to their innate molecular core, cancer cells are hyperactive, survival-endowed, scrappy, fecund, inventive copies of ourselves.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

A positive attitude does not cure cancer, any more than a negative one causes it.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

One swallow is a coincidence, but two swallows make summer.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

If there's a seminal discovery in oncology in the last 20 years, it's that idea that cancer genes are often mutated versions of normal genes.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

It feltâ€”nearly twenty-five hundred years after Hippocrates had naively coined the overarching term karkinosâ€”that modern oncology was hardly any more sophisticated in its taxonomy of cancer.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

I think when we use 'stress', we are often using a kind of dummy word to try to fit many different things into one big category.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

If the history of medicine is told through the stories of doctors, it is because their contributions stand in place of the more substantive heroism of their patients.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Most discoveries even today are a combination of serendipity and of searching.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Could your medicine be a cell, not a pill? Could your medicine be an organ that's created outside the body? Could your medicine be an environment?

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

It is hard to look at the tumor and not come away with the feeling that one has encountered a powerful monster in its infancy

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

When you immerse yourself in medicine you realise that hope is not absolute. It's not that simple.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Probably the most important reason we are seeing more cancers than before is because the population is ageing overall. And cancer is an age-related disease.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

This was yet another colonial fascination: to create the conditions of misery in a population, then subject it to social or medical experimentation.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Writing anything as an expert is really poisonous to the writing process, because you lose the quality of discovery.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Postwar U.S. was the world's leader in science and technology. The investment in science research was staggering.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

It was Disney World fused with Cancerland.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

I am a scientist and I am a physician. So I write papers.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Cell culture is a little like gardening. You sit and you look at cells, and then you see something and say, 'You know, that doesn't look right'.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

Most days, I go home and I feel rejuvenated. I feel ebullient.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

I believe the biggest breakthroughs on cancer could come from brilliant researchers based in India.

~Siddhartha Mukherjee

There's a phrase in Shakespeare: he refers to it as the 'hidden imposthume', and this idea of a hidden swelling is seminal to cancer. But even in more contemporary writing it's called 'the big C'.

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