

Stacy Schiff

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parenting is an exercise in unintended consequences.

~Stacy Schiff

As always, an educated woman was a dangerous woman.

~Stacy Schiff

A rich, multi-dimensional tour of Naples, most brilliant, battered, and bewildering of cities, here fixed to the page with wit and Å©lan.

Splendid.

~Stacy Schiff

I'm a sucker for lost worlds. I was nostalgic even as a child. I was happiest in my hometown library in Adams, Mass., where nothing seemed to change.

~Stacy Schiff

When a woman teams up with a snake a moral storm threatens somewhere.

~Stacy Schiff

And in the absence of facts, myth rushes in, the kudzu of history.

~Stacy Schiff

An interesting thing about book groups, it seems to me, is that there is no correlation between a brilliant book and a brilliant discussion. The first seems sometimes even to undermine the second.

~Stacy Schiff

Motherhood is always an act of courage.

~Stacy Schiff

My next book is on the Salem witch trials. As a small-town Massachusetts girl, this makes me very happy. So does the reunion with documents!

~Stacy Schiff

No one in the modern world controls the wealth or territory that Cleopatra did.

~Stacy Schiff

Ancient history is oddly short on incorrect omens.

~Stacy Schiff

No one sits on the stoop when she's a kid and thinks, 'I want to be a biographer when I grow up,'

~Stacy Schiff

It has always been preferable to attribute a woman's success to her beauty rather than to her brains, to reduce her to the sum of her sex life.

~Stacy Schiff

Cleopatra stood at one of the most dangerous intersections in history; that of women and power. Clever women, Euripides had warned hundreds of years earlier, were dangerous.

~Stacy Schiff

Power has for so long been a male construct that it distorted the shape of the first women who tried it on, only to find themselves in a sort of straitjacket.

~Stacy Schiff

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