

Stephen L. Carter

Quotes

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Rumor is rarely more interesting than fact, but it is always more readily available.

~Stephen L. Carter

More than 20 years on, sustained competition, informed customers and the rapid growth of new technology provide the necessary environment for substantial deregulation.

~Stephen L. Carter

When you shoot someone who is fleeing, it's not self-defense. It's an execution.

~Stephen L. Carter

To be black and an intellectual in America is to live in a box. On the box is a label, not of my own choosing.

~Stephen L. Carter

Teasing out the way the world might look through another's eyes is what makes the creative process so fascinating and enjoyable.

~Stephen L. Carter

We do not credit to the ideal of religious freedom when we talk as though religious belief is something of which public-spirited adults should be ashamed.

~Stephen L. Carter

There is much depressing evidence that the religious voice is required to stay out of the public square only when it is pressed in a conservative cause.

~Stephen L. Carter

Lots of white people think black people are stupid. They are stupid themselves for thinking so, but regulation will not make them smarter.

~Stephen L. Carter

Every conflict plagues the peace that follows it.

~Stephen L. Carter

Love is a gift we deliver when we would rather not.

~Stephen L. Carter

I think of my novels as entertainments.

~Stephen L. Carter

Even in 2012, if there's a black character in the movies or on television that's a professional, if we even hear about their backgrounds they're always 'up from the streets.

~Stephen L. Carter

Richard John Neuhaus, in his well-known book *The Naked Public Square*, tells us that in America, the public square has become openly hostile to religion.

~Stephen L. Carter

I think that black fiction authors have to work very hard to avoid being typed as seeking only a black audience.

~Stephen L. Carter

If you're fascinated by America, you'll be fascinated by family.

~Stephen L. Carter

In contemporary American culture, the religions are more and more treated as just passing beliefs - almost as fads - rather than as the fundamentals upon which the devout build their lives.

~Stephen L. Carter

This trivializing rhetoric runs the subtle but unmistakable message: pray if you like, worship if you must, but whatever you do, do not on any account take your religion seriously.

~Stephen L. Carter

So much emotion goes into writing fiction.

~Stephen L. Carter

I find it hard to think of myself as selling books. I don't even have a Web site. I want to sit and write, not sell.

~Stephen L. Carter

In real life there are indeed black people who have been in the middle class for generations, but in entertainment it's as if they don't exist.

~Stephen L. Carter

Rumors chase the dead like flies, and we follow them with our prim noses. None of us are gossips, but we love listening to those who are.

~Stephen L. Carter

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