Author of the Week: Robert Harris

**Robert Harris** was born in Nottingham in 1957, later studying English at Cambridge University. He was a TV correspondent for the BBC and has also worked as a columnist for the London Sunday Times and the Daily Telegraph, and as Political Editor for The Observer. He was named 'Columnist of the Year' in the 2003 British Press Awards.

 

Life and Career

Born in Nottingham, Harris spent his childhood in a small rented house on a Nottingham council estate. His ambition to become a writer arose at an early age, from visits to the local printing plant where his father worked. Harris went to Belvoir High School in Bottesford, and then King Edward VII School, Melton Mowbray, where a hall was later named after him. There he wrote plays and edited the school magazine. Harris read English literature at Selwyn College, Cambridge. While at Cambridge, Harris was elected president of the Cambridge Union and editor of the oldest student newspaper at the university, Varsity.

Harris's first book appeared in 1982. A Higher Form of Killing, a study of chemical and biological warfare, was written with fellow BBC journalist Jeremy Paxman. Other non-fiction works followed: Gotcha! The Government, the Media and the Falklands Crisis (1983), The Making of Neil Kinnock (1984), Selling Hitler (1986), an investigation of the Hitler Diaries scandal, and Good and Faithful Servant (1990), a study of Bernard Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's press secretary.

Awards

* Walter Scott Prize (2010)
* British Book Awards Popular Fiction Award (2008)
* Whitbread First Novel Award (1992)



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