

# James Geary

## Aphorist

### BEST TWEETS:

"his juggling is ~~not~~ word-class; his speed is."

"He is juggling (and shouting for some reason) [because I guess] giving a talk at TED is ~~not~~ hard enough."

Lost jobs, wayward lovers, wars and famine—come to think of it, just about any of life's curveballs—there's an aphorism for it, and James Geary's got it.

One of a handful of the world's professional aphorists, James Geary has successfully fused early creative endeavors in performance art, poetry and juggling with his childhood fascination with the "Quotable Quotes" column in *Reader's Digest*. His books *Geary's Guide to the World's Great Aphorists* and the bestselling *The World in a Phrase* are invaluable journeys through the often-ignored art of the witty (and memorably brief) summation.

His next book is about the secret life of metaphors, and how metaphorical thinking drives invention and creativity. Geary is a former writer for *Time Europe* and is now an editor for *Ode* magazine, a print and online publication devoted to optimism and positive news.

"It is impossible not to be swept along with his enthusiasm."

— *Times Online*

#### Books

*Geary's Guide to the World's Great Aphorists*

*The World in a Phrase: A Brief History of the Aphorism*

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