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Expert commentator on J. Robert Oppenheimer!

Author of #1 bestseller available for interviews tying into
Christopher Nolan's summer blockbuster movie

OPPENHEIMER

As this summer's hottest blockbuster movie *Oppenheimer* is about to open, you're going to need someone to talk about **J. Robert Oppenheimer**, the father of the atomic bomb, and we have the expert you've been looking for.

Bestselling futurist **ROBERT J. SAWYER** has been called "Canada's answer to Michael Crichton" by *The Toronto Star* and "a writer of boundless confidence and bold scientific extrapolation" by *The New York Times*. His latest novel *THE OPPENHEIMER ALTERNATIVE* covers the life and secret history of **J. Robert Oppenheimer**, the character being played by Cillian Murphy in Christopher Nolan's summer blockbuster film, which opens worldwide on **Friday, July 21, 2023**.

Sawyer did two years of full-time research on Oppenheimer and the atomic-bomb effort before writing his novel, and other experts agree Sawyer knows what he's talking about:

- **Martin Sherwin**, co-author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* (the basis for **Christopher Nolan's** biopic *Oppenheimer*), says "Oppenheimer fans will be intrigued by Sawyer's novel."
- **Gregory Benford**, physicist at University of California Irvine, says: "The feel and detail of the Manhattan Project figures is deep and well done. I knew many of these physicists, and Sawyer nails them accurately."

- Perimeter Institute physicist **Lee Smolin**, the author of *The Trouble with Physics*, agrees: “I know the history of this period well and I’m one or two degrees of separation from many of these people. Sawyer’s portrayals ring true to me. I loved it!”
- **Mike Shinabery**, education specialist at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo, New Mexico (where the first atomic-bomb test was conducted), says: “Sawyer’s **THE OPPENHEIMER ALTERNATIVE** is a wonderful book full of accurate descriptions — J. Robert Oppenheimer comes to life in its pages.”
- And **Doug Beason**, former Associate Laboratory Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, adds that “**THE OPPENHEIMER ALTERNATIVE** is incredibly realistic: the characters, locations, the era, and even the science. I felt like I was back in Los Alamos — and I should know: I worked there!”

Based on the **latest research** and **recently declassified documents**, Sawyer will enthrall your audience with **stunning revelations about Oppenheimer and the dawn of the atomic age**:

- Why Oppenheimer tried to give away his infant daughter for adoption.
- The exact moment when Oppenheimer went from being in favor of using the atomic bomb on Japan to when he became a lifelong disarmament activist.
- How a foolish slip of the tongue on Oppenheimer’s part ruined the life of his best friend and caused Oppie himself to lose all access to nuclear secrets.
- The time Oppenheimer got away with attempted murder at Cambridge University — and the startling sexual secret that had driven him to try to kill a man.
- The suicide of both Oppenheimer’s lover and his daughter.
- Fascinating revelations about whether the United States really did have to drop the bomb on Japan to end the war — and why *two* bombs were used in such rapid succession.
- Sawyer can also talk about all the previous attempts to tell the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer on film and TV — the great . . . and the awful.

ROBERT J. SAWYER is a member of the **Order of Canada**, the highest honor given by the Canadian government, and he’s past president of the **Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America**. The **ABC TV** series **FlashForward** was based on Rob’s novel of the same name.

A multiple **TEDx** speaker and a frequent science commentator for the **CBC** and the **BBC**, Rob has been interviewed over **380 times on TV**, over **430 times on radio**, and over **a thousand times in print**. He's guaranteed to give your audience what they want to hear. He lives in Toronto.

"Robert, I have to congratulate you! You love your subject matter, you're bubbly, you're excitable — you're the perfect guest." —**George Noory**, host of *Coast to Coast AM*, the most-listened-to overnight radio program in North America, heard on over 600 stations

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