# Expert commentator on

# J. Robert Oppenheimer!

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## 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 ALTERATIVE*** 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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