Robert Dennis Harris was born in Nottingham, England on 7 March 1957, is an English novelist.

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 is now named after him. There he wrote plays and edited the school magazine.
Harris read English literature at Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he was president of the Union and editor of the student newspaper *Varsity*. 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. As well as several non-fiction books, including *Selling Hitler: The Story of the Hitler Diaries* (1986), he is the author of six novels: *Fatherland* (1992), set in 1964 in Berlin; *Enigma* (1995), set in World War II; *Archangel* (1998), set in present day Russia; *Pompeii* (2003), a dramatisation of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79; *Imperium* (2006), the first of a trilogy of novels about Cicero; and *The Ghost* (2007), narrated by a professional ghost writer. Robert Harris lives in Berkshire. His novel *Enigma*, about the code breakers of Bletchley Park, was made into a feature film directed by Michael Apted, from a script by Tom Stoppard. *Archangel*, the story of a historian on the trail of Stalin's secret diaries, was adapted for BBC Television in 2005, starring Daniel Craig. *Pompeii* has recently been adapted for film by the author, and will be directed by Roman Polanski. Robert Harris is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. His latest novel is *Lustrum* (2009), the second in the Cicero trilogy, shortlisted for the 2010 Walter Scott Prize.

Harris lives in a Berkshire vicarage near Newbury, with his wife Gill Hornby, herself a writer and sister of best-selling novelist Nick Hornby. They have four children.