

# Alan Dean Foster

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Two, Band, Stories, Sorcery, Planning, Given, Perfect, Games, Dead People,  
Economic*

The thing all writers do best is find ways to avoid writing.

~Alan Dean Foster

Where lies the line between sorcery and science? It is only a matter of terminology, my friend.

~Alan Dean Foster

Keep writing. Try to do a little bit every day, even if the result looks like crap. Getting from page four to page five is more important than spending three weeks getting page four perfect.

~Alan Dean Foster

Freedom is just Chaos, with better lighting.

~Alan Dean Foster

It is always hard when reality intrudes on belief.

~Alan Dean Foster

Spontaneity is one of the joys of existence, especially if you prepare for it in advance.

~Alan Dean Foster

In one book, CACHALOT, just for my own amusement, every character is based directly on someone I have known.

~Alan Dean Foster

How much research I have to do depends on the nature of the story. For fantasy, none at all.

~Alan Dean Foster

Advances have fallen, generally, for everything except the biggest potential bestsellers. Given all the changes, both economic and technological, SF hasn't done too badly.

~Alan Dean Foster

If you're crazy, there's two things you can do to make yourself feel better: One is to get yourself cured. The other is to make everyone you have to deal with crazy.

~Alan Dean Foster

The universe is full of dead people who lived by assumption.

~Alan Dean Foster

I usually do one con a year as a GoH and try to make the World Fantasy Convention for business purposes. Last year I went to a worldcon for the first time in two decades. I may go again this year.

~Alan Dean Foster

I see the Jedi mission as giving up a normal life in exchange for protecting the innocent. It's a life of sacrifice. There are rewards, but also a certain degree of sterility.

~Alan Dean Foster

I have a bad tendency to get rapidly bored with my own material, so rewriting is hard for me. I mean, I already know the story and would rather read something new.

~Alan Dean Foster

I write early in the morning, usually after reading portions of at least half a dozen newspapers on the web.

~Alan Dean Foster

Getting inside the mind of a terrorist wasn't difficult at all. Even as children, human beings fabricate elaborate revenge fantasies. We're not a particular species. Check out popular video games.

~Alan Dean Foster

An apex is always surrounded only by emptiness

~Alan Dean Foster

Writing allows me the time to travel and see the world, which is what I always wanted to do. I'd really like to have been Sir Richard Francis Burton, but it's the wrong century.

~Alan Dean Foster

Don't try to write to the trend of the moment.

~Alan Dean Foster

The storm hit with all the fury of a woman who'd been dieting for six months, only to discover she'd gained four pounds.

~Alan Dean Foster

There's certainly more new SF available than when I started writing. That means there's also more bad SF available. Whether there is also more good is a matter for future historians of the field.

~Alan Dean Foster

I try to challenge myself as much as possible, as often as possible.

~Alan Dean Foster

I've been writing full-time since 1978.

~Alan Dean Foster

I hear entire symphonies, oratorios, in my head, but I can't write a note.

~Alan Dean Foster

There is nothing in art, in philosophy, or in politics to match the fervor of mutual cooperation among discordant bands of fanatics.

~Alan Dean Foster

In loquaciousness lay insanity.

~Alan Dean Foster

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