

Alex Haley

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In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.

~Alex Haley

Racism is taught in our society, it is not automatic. It is learned behavior toward persons with dissimilar physical characteristics.

~Alex Haley

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children.

~Alex Haley

The way to succeed is never quit. Thats it. But really be humble about it.

~Alex Haley

Roots is not just a saga of my family. It is the symbolic saga of a people.

~Alex Haley

Every time an old person dies, it's like a library burning down.

~Alex Haley

Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help.

~Alex Haley

When you clench your fist, no one can put anything in your hand.

~Alex Haley

Either you deal with what is the reality, or you can be sure that the reality is going to deal with you.

~Alex Haley

When you start about family, about lineage and ancestry, you are talking about every person on earth.

~Alex Haley

You have to deal with the fact that your life is your life.

~Alex Haley

In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage, to know who we are and where we came from.

~Alex Haley

You can never enslave somebody who knows who he is.

~Alex Haley

Never completely encircle your enemy. Leave him some escape, for he will fight even more desperately if trapped.

~Alex Haley

I can't feel Irish to save my soul, but it's a fact.

~Alex Haley

Beginning writers must appreciate the prerequisites if they hope to become writers. You pay your dues - which takes years.

~Alex Haley

Brown people wouldn't speak to someone who was black.

~Alex Haley

If you go back to before mankind came out of the cave, there was hatred.

~Alex Haley

The way to succeed is never quit. That's it. But really be humble about it. ... You start out lowly and humble and you carefully try to learn an

accretion of little things that help you get there.

~Alex Haley

I know that statistically, it has been proven that there is a tremendous amount of black on black crime within the inner cities.

~Alex Haley

In my writing, as much as I could, I tried to find the good, and praise it.

~Alex Haley

My parents were teachers and they went out of their way to see to it that I had books. We grew up in a home that was full of books. And so I learned to read. I loved to read.

~Alex Haley

I think most people when you say slavery tend to see a group of anonymous people pulling cotton sacks in great plantation fields, and that is largely true.

~Alex Haley

I think one of the most fascinating things you can do after you learn about your own people is to study something about the history and culture of other people.

~Alex Haley

The main thing you got to remember is that everything in the world is a hustle.

~Alex Haley

My fondest hope is that 'Roots' may start black, white, brown, red, yellow people digging back for their own roots. Man, that would make me feel 90 feet tall.

~Alex Haley

Tying the little folks with the older folks is a great and powerful tool to preserve and to protect the family and the individual.

~Alex Haley

I look at my books the way parents look at their children. The fact that one becomes more successful than the others doesn't make me love the less successful one any less.

~Alex Haley

We all suffer. If a man's wise, he learns from it.

~Alex Haley

Every death is like the burning of a library.

~Alex Haley

I tell younger writers that indeed it is devastating to be rejected. You feel like the bottom dropped out of your world.

~Alex Haley

There was a great deal of inbreeding between the Indians and the slaves. Genetically speaking, black people are some part black, some part European.

~Alex Haley

Racism and hatred are synonymous.

~Alex Haley

Unless we learn from history, we are destined to repeat it. This is no longer merely an academic exercise, but may contain our worlds fate and our destiny.

~Alex Haley

Early in the spring of 1750, in the village of Juffure, four days upriver from the coast of The Gambia, West Africa, a manchild was born to

Omororo and Binta Kinte.

~Alex Haley

I don't know anywhere in the world where there is not racism against somebody.

~Alex Haley

Is this how you repay my goodness--with badness?â€• cried the boy.
â€œOf course,â€• said the crocodile out of the corner of his mouth.
â€œThat is the way of the world.

~Alex Haley

That's what happens with writing. Ingredients bubble and cook. Material becomes substance.

~Alex Haley

In the bush, trust no one you don't know.

~Alex Haley

The anti-blackness has generated new forms of youth involvement in anti-whiteness, which in some cases is appalling.

~Alex Haley

Most of the things that are asked of me as a representative black person, would suggest never are we equal Americans.

~Alex Haley

History is written by winners.

~Alex Haley

Indeed optimists rather than defeatists have produced the results for which serious genealogical research is best known.

~Alex Haley

I get interviewed a lot, and I found myself listening to what the interviewer is asking me, I'm analyzing what I'm being asked more than my response.

~Alex Haley

I am really quite proud of most of the people I " know who have "made it," who do things to help people.

~Alex Haley

You don't spend twenty years of your life in the service and not have a warm, nostalgic feeling left in you. It's a small service, and there's a lot of esprit de corps.

~Alex Haley

I acknowledge immense debt to the griots [tribal poets] of Africa - where today it is rightly said that when a griot dies, it is as if a library has burned to the ground.

~Alex Haley

It's an hour during the week where you can just slow down.

~Alex Haley

But then, as far as I know, as far as I've studied or heard or picked up, it seems that this type of thing is a curse against mankind.

~Alex Haley

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