

Andrew Vachss

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A kid in an abusive home has far fewer rights than any POW. There is no Geneva Convention for kids.

~Andrew Vachss

The third person narrator, instead of being omniscient, is like a constantly running surveillance tape.

~Andrew Vachss

I don't understand people whose gratification is a BMW. You don't know what joy is until you see a kid who was tortured get adopted by a family.

~Andrew Vachss

Family' is not just a biological word, it's an an operative one.

~Andrew Vachss

Life is a fight, but not everyone's a fighter. Otherwise, bullies would be an endangered species.

~Andrew Vachss

When you hunt predators, the best camouflage is weakness.

~Andrew Vachss

A dog is like a person—he needs a job and a family to be what he's meant to be.

~Andrew Vachss

Children know the truth: love is not an emotion, love is behavior.

~Andrew Vachss

Camouflage doesn't help when the other guy is willing to defoliate the whole jungle.

~Andrew Vachss

Journalism is what maintains democracy. It's the force for progressive social change.

~Andrew Vachss

It's the family you choose that counts.

~Andrew Vachss

If love would die along with death, this life wouldn't be so hard.

~Andrew Vachss

Evil is a matter of choice. Those people who have been victimized and refuse to imitate their oppressors are in my mind the greatest heroes we have.

~Andrew Vachss

Be he the first to stand or the last, a man must stand," the father had told his adoring son. "And if there is only one man, then that man must stand alone." ~Thomas to Bruce Wayne

~Andrew Vachss

Building a mechanical device for its appearance is like putting lace on a bowling ball.

~Andrew Vachss

Information is the hardest currency.

~Andrew Vachss

Even if sheep could talk, they'd never ask questions.

~Andrew Vachss

The Bowery station on the J line is what happens to a neighborhood once politicians realize the people who live there don't vote.

~Andrew Vachss

No politician is threatened by the child protective constituency, because it does not exist.

~Andrew Vachss

People are pushing against the fabric of society all the time.

~Andrew Vachss

I think people should be consumers of journalism.

~Andrew Vachss

Stealing to eat ain't criminalâ€”stealing to be rich is.

~Andrew Vachss

He said when the Lord made people He made them all the same for starters. But life marks people. If you know the way, you can read them like maps.

~Andrew Vachss

Journalism is the protection between people and any sort of totalitarian rule. That's why my hero, admittedly a flawed one, is a journalist.

~Andrew Vachss

I don't sign contracts for my books.

~Andrew Vachss

The more bullets flying, the less accurate each individual slug has to be.

~Andrew Vachss

The idea that you're not a writer until you're published is a lie.

~Andrew Vachss

Roots are nice, but a tree can't run.

~Andrew Vachss

The worst place to be is in the middle. When elephants fight, the grass gets trampled.

~Andrew Vachss

The Humane Society of America thinks Michael Vick should have a dog. I think whoever's in charge there should have a lobotomy.

~Andrew Vachss

People who don't have much get ugly about giving up the little they have left.

~Andrew Vachss

Victimizers of children are the enemies of any so-called society.

~Andrew Vachss

If a train is coming at you, closing your eyes won't save you ... but if you look right at it, you at least have a chance to jump.

~Andrew Vachss

Fear is an enemy that can be killed only at close range. The closest range of all is intimacy. The deeper the fear is embedded in one's spirit, the more vulnerable it is.

~Andrew Vachss

A moral society will not set standards for becoming a parent, but it will establish irreducible minimums for maintaining that sacred status.

~Andrew Vachss

Max Allan Collins blends fact and fiction like no other writer.

~Andrew Vachss

Two rules: You enter without breaking. And you remember that nobody misses what you don't take.

~Andrew Vachss

I want to disabuse people of the idea that knowledge is power. Knowing how to get to Detroit is not the same thing as having the bus fare.

~Andrew Vachss

A free press doesn't mean it's not a tame press.

~Andrew Vachss

I don't take advances for my books.

~Andrew Vachss

It isn't much use writing slogans on a wall if you plan to total the building.

~Andrew Vachss

I'm in pursuit of what cannot be achieved: perfection.

~Andrew Vachss

From the very second that two people sat together around a fire in the forest, there was another human out there who felt better in the dark.

~Andrew Vachss

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