

# Aravind Adiga

## Quotes

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It's amazing. The moment you show cash, everyone knows your language.

~Aravind Adiga

A man's past keeps growing, even when his future has come to a full stop.

~Aravind Adiga

I was looking for the key for years But the door was always open

~Aravind Adiga

The moment you recognize what is beautiful in this world, you stop being a slave

~Aravind Adiga

You can't expect a man in a dung heap to smell sweet.

~Aravind Adiga

Columbia University, where I went to study in 1993, insisted its undergraduates learn a foreign language, so I discovered French.

~Aravind Adiga

We are made mysteries to ourselves by the Rooster Coop we are locked in.

~Aravind Adiga

See, the poor dream all their lives of getting enough to eat and looking like the rich. And what do the rich dream of?? Losing weight and looking like the poor.

~Aravind Adiga

The story of a poor man's life is written on his body, in a sharp pen.

~Aravind Adiga

You ask 'Are you a man or a demon?' Neither, I say. I have woken up, and the rest of you are sleeping, and that is the only difference between us.

~Aravind Adiga

Neither you nor I speak English, but there are some things that can be said only in English.

~Aravind Adiga

I grew up, as many Indians do, in an archipelago of tongues. My maternal grandfather, who was a surgeon in the city of Madras, was fluent in at least four languages and used each of them daily.

~Aravind Adiga

Let animals live like animals; let humans live like humans. That's my whole philosophy in a sentence.

~Aravind Adiga

Having plenty of living space has to be the greatest luxury in a city, and I guess in some sense Bombay is the antithesis of what living in Canada must be.

~Aravind Adiga

In India, it's the rich who have problems with obesity. And the poor are darker-skinned because they work outside and often work without their tops on so you can see their ribs.

~Aravind Adiga

Strange thoughts brew in your heart when you spend too much time with old books

~Aravind Adiga

Do we loathe our masters behind a facade of love - or do we love them behind a facade of loathing?

~Aravind Adiga

When I was growing up in the south Indian city of Madras, there were only two political parties that mattered; one was run by a former matinee idol, and the other was run by his former screenwriter.

~Aravind Adiga

In my family, as in most middle-class Indian families I knew when I was growing up, science and mathematics were held in awe.

~Aravind Adiga

Inconvenience in progress, work is regretted.

~Aravind Adiga

India's great economic boom, the arrival of the Internet and outsourcing, have broken the wall between provincial India and the world.

~Aravind Adiga

Nothing can stop a living thing that wants to be free

~Aravind Adiga

I am not an original thinker-but I am an original listener.)

~Aravind Adiga

The trustworthiness of servants is the basis of the entire Indian economy.

~Aravind Adiga

Any good society survives on a circulation of favours.

~Aravind Adiga

A White Tiger keeps no friends. It's too dangerous.

~Aravind Adiga

In terms of formal education, I may somewhat lacking. I never finished school. I am a self-taught entrepreneur, that's the best kind there is, trust me

~Aravind Adiga

Like most of my friends in school, I was a member of multiple circulating libraries; and all of us, to begin with, borrowed and read the same things.

~Aravind Adiga

Neither. I am just one who has woken up while the rest of you are still sleeping.

~Aravind Adiga

I've lived in several countries and been a disaster everywhere.

~Aravind Adiga

I am coming back to New York after five years, and it seems that psychics are taking over the city.

~Aravind Adiga

But isn't it likely that everyone in this world...has killed someone or other on their way to the top?...All I wanted was a chance to be a man--and for that, one murder is enough.

~Aravind Adiga

I want to read Keats and Wordsworth, Hemingway, George Orwell.

~Aravind Adiga

The coop is guarded from the inside.

~Aravind Adiga

I had grown up in a privileged, upper-caste Hindu community; and because my father worked for a Catholic hospital, we lived in a

prosperous Christian neighborhood.

~Aravind Adiga

...the future of the world lies with the yellow man and the brown man now that our erstwhile master, the white-skinned man, has wasted himself through buggery, cell phone usage, and drug abuse

~Aravind Adiga

If only a man could spit his past out so easily.

~Aravind Adiga

Mangalore, the coastal Indian town where I lived until I was almost 16, is now a booming city of malls and call-centres. But, in the 1980s, it was a provincial town in a socialist country.

~Aravind Adiga

Like most people who live in India, I complain about corruption, but know that I can live with corrupt men. It is the honest ones I secretly worry about.

~Aravind Adiga

Every book is a kind of struggle, and it's a miracle when it comes out.

~Aravind Adiga

Because in this world, there is a line: on one side are the men who cannot get things done, and on the other side are the men who can. And not one in a hundred will cross that line. Will you?

~Aravind Adiga

In a sense, being a full-time writer is less fun because there's no office to go to anymore, there's no set routine, there's no schedule. It can be quite isolating.

~Aravind Adiga

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