

Athol Fugard Quotes

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Dark, Identity, Love, Witness, Danger, Lying, Life Is, Night, Color, Beautiful*

Love is the only energy I've ever used as a writer. I've never written out of anger, although anger has informed love.

~Athol Fugard

You can't answer violence with counter violence ... The answer is love. The best sabotage is love.

~Athol Fugard

As fascinated as I was by words on paper, it was matched by my fascination with words in people's mouths. The spoken word. And that is the world of theatre.

~Athol Fugard

To know nothing about yourself is to be constantly in danger of nothingness, those voids of non-being over which a man walks the tightrope of his life.

~Athol Fugard

If the nature of human experience changes with the color of a man's skin, then the racists have been right all along.

~Athol Fugard

For you in the West to hear the phrase 'All men are created equal' is to draw a yawn. For us, it's a miracle. We're starting out at rock bottom, man. But South Africa does have soul.

~Athol Fugard

Without white South Africa realizing what it had done - and on the basis of that realization having the courage to ask for forgiveness - there can really be no significant movement.

~Athol Fugard

Life is just a plain bloody mess, that's all. And people are fools.

~Athol Fugard

We compound our suffering by victimizing each other.

~Athol Fugard

I've always sensed for myself an obligation to bear witness to my time.

~Athol Fugard

Every boy needs a role model that he can be proud of and talk about to the other kids in the playground.

~Athol Fugard

Theater will never, and never has, gotten audiences like film. But theater goes to work on society in a different and more subversive way.

~Athol Fugard

I think the aloe is one of South Africa's most powerful, beautiful and celebratory symbols. It survives out there in the wild when everything else is dried.

~Athol Fugard

Night-time is when I brainstorm; last thing, when the family's asleep and I'm alone, I think about the next day's writing and plan a strategy for my assault on the blank page.

~Athol Fugard

The things that converge in the writing of a play come from a complex of motives, a genesis shrouded in a certain kind of mystery.

~Athol Fugard

My life had been defined by the apartheid years. Now we were going into an era of democracy... and I believed that I didn't have really a function as an artist, as a useful artist, in that anymore.

~Athol Fugard

My essential identity is that of a writer.

~Athol Fugard

I'm always in disguise in one form or another in my plays.

~Athol Fugard

Creativity is very selfish. Scandalously so, in fact.

~Athol Fugard

In South Africa, success never presented the problems that it presents in New York. In New York, if you happen to be the flavor of the month, a lot of nonsense comes with it into your life.

~Athol Fugard

A very close friend of mine keeps reminding me that since about the age of 50, I've been saying, 'I'm finished. I haven't got another one in me.' But somehow you do.

~Athol Fugard

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