

Bernard Cornwell

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Pride makes a man, it drives him, it is the shield wall around his reputation... Men die, they said, but reputation does not die.

~Bernard Cornwell

Wyrd bith ful araed (Fate is inexorable).

~Bernard Cornwell

You won't regret the men you never killed, but you will regret the women you passed up.

~Bernard Cornwell

We all suffer from dreams

~Bernard Cornwell

Writing is a solitary occupation.

~Bernard Cornwell

Every day is ordinary, until it isn't.

~Bernard Cornwell

Of course some days are easier than others, but my worst day is better than being in most humdrum occupations.

~Bernard Cornwell

Book tours and research provide a lot of travel - too much, I sometimes think, but we do take vacations.

~Bernard Cornwell

The existence of tricks does not imply the absence of magic.

~Bernard Cornwell

We make children and wealth and amass land and build halls and assemble armies and give great feasts, but only one thing survives us. Reputation.

~Bernard Cornwell

Looking back, of course, it was irresponsible, mad, forlorn, idiotic, but if you don't take chances then you'll never have a winning hand, and I've no regrets.

~Bernard Cornwell

Research is a lifelong occupation so it's hard to factor it in, but I reckon most books take 5 months from start to finish.

~Bernard Cornwell

And yes, there's a simplicity to writing books because you're not a member of a team, so you make all the decisions yourself instead of deferring to a committee.

~Bernard Cornwell

Life is a jest of the Gods and there is no justice. You must learn to laugh or else you'll weep yourself to death.

~Bernard Cornwell

What I mean by that is that the point of life, as I see it, is not to write books or scale mountains or sail oceans, but to achieve happiness, and preferably an unselfish happiness.

~Bernard Cornwell

I'm fortunate that the books sell, but even more fortunate to live in Chatham, to be very happily married and to have, on the whole, a fairly clear conscience.

~Bernard Cornwell

At risk of sounding foully pompous I think that writers' groups are probably very useful at the beginning of a writing career.

~Bernard Cornwell

Television is a young person's medium.

~Bernard Cornwell

I'll happily mentor anyone who wants mentoring, and most of that goes on by internet rather than face to face.

~Bernard Cornwell

I know nothing about producing TV drama and any involvement on my part is liable to prove an obstacle to the producers, so I prefer to be a cheerleader and let them get on with it.

~Bernard Cornwell

You know what circumcision is, Private?

~Bernard Cornwell

Latin! The language of God! Or perhaps He speaks Hebrew? I suppose that's more likely and it will make things rather awkward in heaven, won't it? Will we all have to learn Hebrew?

~Bernard Cornwell

The bards sing of love, they celebrate slaughter, they extol kings and flatter queens, but were I a poet I would write in praise of friendship.

~Bernard Cornwell

Madness ends sometimes. The Gods decree it, not man.

~Bernard Cornwell

I sometimes wonder what would have happened if the first book had not sold... doesn't bear thinking about, but I suppose we'd have made it work somehow.

~Bernard Cornwell

A man does not see where he treads in battle, for he is watching the enemy.

~Bernard Cornwell

So far it's 43 books in 25 years.

~Bernard Cornwell

We don't build,' I said to my son, 'we just destroy.

~Bernard Cornwell

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