

C. S. Forester Quotes

*Writing, Ends, Home, Men, Book, Loyalty, Fool, Knows, Seven, Miserable,
Done, Editors, Thank God, Wrecks, Would Be, Chance, England, Drinking, Bed,
Emotion*

A whim, a passing mood, readily induces the novelist to move hearth and home elsewhere. He can always plead work as an excuse to get him out of the clutches of bothersome hosts.

~C. S. Forester

When a man who is drinking neat gin starts talking about his mother he is past all argument.

~C. S. Forester

The lucky man is he who knows how much to leave to chance.

~C. S. Forester

The work is with me when I wake up in the morning; it is with me while I eat my breakfast in bed and run through the newspaper, while I shave and bathe and dress.

~C. S. Forester

Novel writing wrecks homes.

~C. S. Forester

Perhaps that suspicion of fraud enhances the flavor.

~C. S. Forester

A man who writes for a living does not have to go anywhere in particular, and he could rarely afford to if he wanted.

~C. S. Forester

Novel writing is far and away the most exhausting work I know.

~C. S. Forester

There is no other way of writing a novel than to begin at the beginning at to continue to the end.

~C. S. Forester

I'd rather be in trouble for having done something than for not having done anything.

~C. S. Forester

Everything was in stark and dreadful contrast with the trivial crises and counterfeit emotions of Hollywood, and I returned to England deeply moved and emotionally worn out.

~C. S. Forester

I formed a resolution to never write a word I did not want to write; to think only of my own tastes and ideals, without a thought of those of editors or publishers.

~C. S. Forester

I must be like the princess who felt the pea through seven mattresses; each book is a pea.

~C. S. Forester

The fools ran after me and I ran after the whores, foolish though I realized such a proceeding to be.

~C. S. Forester

I thank God daily for the good fortune of my birth, for I am certain I would have made a miserable peasant.

~C. S. Forester

I have heard of novels started in the middle, at the end, written in patches to be joined together later, but I have never felt the slightest desire to do this.

~C. S. Forester

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