

Connie Willis

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Fred Astaire is my hero. I love him because he was willing to kill himself to make his art look effortless. And because he proved it's possible to be an artist and a good person.

~Connie Willis

I am a Colorado native, and, no, I did not vote for the anti-gay amendment or the same-sex marriage ban, and I am not a member of a militia.

~Connie Willis

I learned everything I know about plot from Dame Agatha (Christie).

~Connie Willis

I have never written anything in one draft, not even a grocery list, although I have heard from friends that this is actually possible.

~Connie Willis

And every place and time an author writes about is imaginary, from Oz to Raymond Chandler's L.A. to Dickens's London.

~Connie Willis

It is my belief that everything you need to know about the world can be learned in a church choir.

~Connie Willis

Why do only the awful things become fads? I thought. Eye-rolling and Barbie and bread pudding. Why never chocolate cheesecake or thinking for yourself?

~Connie Willis

I have great faith in the future of books - no matter what form they may take - and of science fiction.

~Connie Willis

Science fiction is an amazing literature: plot elements that you would think would be completely worn out by now keep changing into surprising new forms.

~Connie Willis

To do something for someone or something you loved-England or Shakespeare or a dog or the Hodbins or history-wasn't a sacrifice at all. Even if it cost you your freedom, your life, your youth.

~Connie Willis

Writers are too neurotic to ever be happy.

~Connie Willis

You shouldn't be looking for the secret to making people follow fads, you should be looking for the secret to making them think for themselves. Because that's what science is all about.

~Connie Willis

Cats, as you know, are quite impervious to threats.

~Connie Willis

Perhaps that's how I should think of them, Polly thought, the troupe and Miss Snelgrove and Trot. And Sir Godfrey. Not as lost to her, but as removed to this moment in time for safekeeping.

~Connie Willis

One has not lived until one has carried a sixty-pound dog down a sweeping flight of stairs at half-past V in the morning.

~Connie Willis

There are moments when rather than reforming the human race I'd like to abandon it altogether and go become, say, one of Dr. O'Reilly's macaques, which have to have more sense.

~Connie Willis

Barbie's one of those fads whose popularity makes you lose all faith in the human race.

~Connie Willis

People will buy anything at jumble sales,' I said. 'At the Evacuated Children Charity Fair a woman bought a tree branch that had fallen on the table.

~Connie Willis

Everyone else had the look of tired patience people always got when listening to a sermon, no matter what the century.

~Connie Willis

If King Harold had had swans on his side, England would still be Saxon.

~Connie Willis

I was never going to get any sleep. I was going to have Alice in Wonderland conversation after Alice in Wonderland conversation until I died of exhaustion. Here, in the restful, idyllic Victorian era.

~Connie Willis

I hate sequels. They're never as good as the first book.

~Connie Willis

It is not an easy thing to put on a wet sock.

~Connie Willis

And kissed her for a hundred and sixty-nine years.

~Connie Willis

The reason Victorian society was so restricted and repressed was that it was impossible to move without knocking something over.

~Connie Willis

No," I said finally. "Slowness in Answering," she said into the handheld. "When's the last time you slept?" "1940" I said promptly, which is the problem with Quickness in Answering.

~Connie Willis

That's what the movies do. They don't entertain us, they don't send the message: 'We care.' They give us lines to say, they assign us parts: John Wayne, Theda Bara, Shirley Temple, take your pick.

~Connie Willis

It was about a girl who helps an ugly old woman who turns out to be a good fairy in disguise. Inner values versus shallow appearances.

~Connie Willis

One of the nastier trends in library management in recent years is the notion that libraries should be 'responsive to their patrons'.

~Connie Willis

There are some things worth giving up anything for, even your freedom, and getting rid of your period is definitely one of them.

~Connie Willis

I watched the entire O.J. Simpson trial, and he was guilty.

~Connie Willis

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