

Daniel Woodrell

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Long, dark, and lovely she had been, in those days before her mind broke and the parts scattered and she let them go.

~Daniel Woodrell

Fading light buttered the ridges until shadows licked them clean and they were lost to nightfall.

~Daniel Woodrell

Never. Never ask for what ought to be offered.

~Daniel Woodrell

The heart makes dreams seem like ideas.

~Daniel Woodrell

He unscrewed the lid, set it on the dash, snorted from the bottle twice, banged the steering wheel, and said, 'You got to be ready to die every day - then you got a chance.'

~Daniel Woodrell

Ree, brunette and sixteen, with milk skin and abrupt green eyes, stood bare-armed in a fluttering yellowed dress, face to the wind, her cheeks reddening as if smacked and smacked again.

~Daniel Woodrell

I said shut up once already, with my mouth.

~Daniel Woodrell

This is how sudden things happened that haunted forever.

~Daniel Woodrell

The opening novel of the 'Bayou Trilogy' was the first one I finished.

~Daniel Woodrell

Pine trees with low limbs spread over fresh snow made a stronger vault

for the spirit than pews and pulpits ever could.

~Daniel Woodrell

I was not much used to women except for mothers. Everything I did, they did different.

~Daniel Woodrell

It's not always to the benefit of the story to have it so preordained.

~Daniel Woodrell

I didn't really expect to be coming to the Oscars.

~Daniel Woodrell

I always loved the verve and vivacity of pulp and I kind of merged it with my own interest in family stories.

~Daniel Woodrell

When I started to be a writer, I was not going to run the risk of boring you.

~Daniel Woodrell

There's an overlap between social-realist fiction and crime fiction - a sweet spot there.

~Daniel Woodrell

I've bumped into at least three people in town who all insist 'Winter's Bone' is about them.

~Daniel Woodrell

The heart's in it then, spinning dreams, and torment is on the way. The heart makes dreams seem like ideas.

~Daniel Woodrell

But I've been at writing long enough now to know that every three or

four books I have to start a new direction.

~Daniel Woodrell

I had been born shoved to the margins of the world, sure, but I had volunteered for the pits.

~Daniel Woodrell

I felt like a number of things in me as a writer just clicked.

~Daniel Woodrell

I, myself, often wished to be spared the expectation of better days ahead or such.

~Daniel Woodrell

I have a book in the pipeline of short stories. You want to hear an agent scream, say 'I'm thinking about doing a collection of short stories set in the Ozarks.

~Daniel Woodrell

When I left Iowa, I definitely never wanted to stand in front of a group of academics again and see if they approved of me. I made up my mind to take my work to the actual reading public.

~Daniel Woodrell

A person has to show some spirit -- fate just about never shines on chickenshits.

~Daniel Woodrell

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