

# David Henry Hwang

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I'm happy. Which often looks like crazy.

~David Henry Hwang

To me to write well is to battle stereotypes. To write well is to create three-dimensional characters that seem human.

~David Henry Hwang

Why, in the Peking Opera, are women's roles played by men?...Because only a man knows how a woman is supposed to act.

~David Henry Hwang

Sometimes I hate you, sometimes I hate myself, but always I miss you

~David Henry Hwang

It's the stories that make my heart beat faster ...those are the ones to write about

~David Henry Hwang

Now I see -- we are always most revolted by the things hidden within us.

~David Henry Hwang

I define the American dream as the ability to imagine a way that you want your life to turn out, and have a reasonable hope that you can achieve that.

~David Henry Hwang

Yellow Face marks my summation of multiculturalism.

~David Henry Hwang

The West believes the East, deep down, wants to be dominated, because a woman can't think for herself

~David Henry Hwang

I've never quite understood the idea of a "season." Whenever an artistic director says to me, 'I have this slot,' I always start to feel we're parking cars or something.

~David Henry Hwang

We are all prisoners of our time and place.

~David Henry Hwang

Tonight, I've finally learned to tell fantasy from reality. And, knowing the difference, I choose fantasy.

~David Henry Hwang

There's a reason why the form was originally silent

~David Henry Hwang

Time flies when you're being stupid.

~David Henry Hwang

Chinese culture in general is not very religious. Confucianism is more a code of ethics than a religion, and ancestor worship is a way for parents to control you even after they're dead.

~David Henry Hwang

This is the ultimate cruelty, isn't it? That I can talk and talk and to anyone listening, it's only air--too rich a diet to be swallowed by a mundane world.

~David Henry Hwang

Death with honor is better than life... life with dishonor.

~David Henry Hwang

I've studied Chinese in college, but basically, I'm not bilingual.

~David Henry Hwang

Well, there's no guarantee of failure in life like happiness in high school.

~David Henry Hwang

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