

Frederik Pohl

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The science fiction method is dissection and reconstruction.

~Frederik Pohl

A good science fiction story should be able to predict not the automobile but the traffic jam.

~Frederik Pohl

You can't really predict the future. All you can do is invent it.

~Frederik Pohl

My old English buddy, John Rackham, wrote and told me what made science fiction different from all other kinds of literature - science fiction is written according to the science fiction method.

~Frederik Pohl

My first thought was always a cigarette. It still is, but I haven't cheated.

~Frederik Pohl

It's clear that science and science fiction have overlapping populations.

~Frederik Pohl

What were we doing here? Traveling hundreds or thousands of light-years, to break our hearts?

~Frederik Pohl

That's what life is, just one learning experience after another, and when you're through with all the learning experiences you graduate and what you get for a diploma is, you die.

~Frederik Pohl

For someone to be taken seriously it was valuable to have the appearance of someone who deserved to be taken seriously.

~Frederik Pohl

I did that for 40 years or more. I never had any writer's block. I got up in the morning, sat down at the typewriter - now, computer - lit up a cigarette.

~Frederik Pohl

In terms of stories I would buy for a science fiction magazine, if they take place in the future, that might do it.

~Frederik Pohl

I'm doing a book, 'Chasing Science,' about the pleasures of science as a spectator sport.

~Frederik Pohl

You can't trust reason. We threw it out of the ad profession long ago and have never missed it.

~Frederik Pohl

I'm pretty catholic about what constitutes science fiction.

~Frederik Pohl

People ask me how I do research for my science fiction. The answer is, I never do any research.

~Frederik Pohl

Advertising reaches out to touch the fantasy part of people's lives. And you know, most people's fantasies are pretty sad.

~Frederik Pohl

The big new development in my life is, when I turned 80, I decided I no longer have to do four pages a day. For me, it's like retiring.

~Frederik Pohl

On this day I want to tell you about, which will be about a thousand years from now, there were a boy, a girl and a love story.

~Frederik Pohl

I was thinking of writing a little foreword saying that history is, after all, based on people's recollections, which change with time.

~Frederik Pohl

Science fiction is the very literature of change.

~Frederik Pohl

If you don't care about science enough to be interested in it on its own, you shouldn't try to write hard science fiction. You can write like Ray Bradbury and Harlan Ellison as much as you want.

~Frederik Pohl

They were two lovely choices. One of them meant giving up every chance of a decent life forever...and the other one scared me out of my mind.

~Frederik Pohl

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