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I know paradise has many gates, just as hell does. One has to learn to distinguish between them, or one is lost.

~Henning Mankell

People always leave traces. No person is without a shadow.

~Henning Mankell

Justice doesn't only mean that the people who commit crime are punished. It also means that we can never give up seeking the truth.

~Henning Mankell

We don't have time to argue. Nobody has time.

~Henning Mankell

Many people make the mistake of confusing information with knowledge. They are not the same thing. Knowledge involves the interpretation of information. Knowledge involves listening.

~Henning Mankell

Dreams can be of value even if you don't have an opportunity to turn them into reality.

~Henning Mankell

Every secret we confide in another person can be a burden to them ~Henning Mankell

Life is a flimsy branch over an abyss.

~Henning Mankell

‎Not having time for a person, not being able to sit in silence together with somebody, that's the same as rejecting them, as being scornful about them.

You can have more than one home. You can carry your roots with you, and decide where they grow.

~Henning Mankell

To grow up is to wonder about things; to be grown up is to slowly forget the things you wondered about as a child.

~Henning Mankell

An oppressed people will always rise.

~Henning Mankell

I am a very radical person - as radical now as I was when I was younger. So my books all have in common my search for understanding of the terrible world we are living in and ways to change it.

~Henning Mankell

I remembered her once saying that life was like your shoes. You couldn't simply expect or imagine that your shoes would fit perfectly. Shoes that pinched your feet were a fact of life.

~Henning Mankell

They pondered the importance of coffee in silence.

~Henning Mankell

It's only when we can work with something that brings out our strengths that we're of any real use.

~Henning Mankell

Police work wouldn't be possible without coffee.

~Henning Mankell

I am not afraid of dying. I have lived longer than most people in the world. What scares me is to have a body that works but a brain that is

waving goodbye. If that happens, I hope I die quickly.

~Henning Mankell

Each person searches for the most beautiful jump which will be the final before leaving this world.

~Henning Mankell

At the time of independence in 1975, Mozambique was extremely poor. Many Portuguese residents abandoned the country, leaving only a handful of well-educated Mozambicans to try to run the country.

~Henning Mankell

We used to send whole flocks of birds shooting out of our mouths and never managed to grab them by their wings.

~Henning Mankell

For me Oliver Twist is a political novel. It is a furious critique of the treatment of orphans and poor children who were forced to spend their early lives in ghastly institutions.

~Henning Mankell

The stories I create are never as awful as reality.

~Henning Mankell

Many people say I smile more in Africa than in Sweden.

~Henning Mankell

It was a clear, starry night, dead calm. Whenever I see a sky like that, I wish I could write music

~Henning Mankell

We only have the past that we have. Not all of our deeds were incorrect.

I love Sherlock Holmes. There's still an awful lot to steal from Conan Doyle. But within a tradition you can work in many different ways.

~Henning Mankell

You think you know everything about a person, but the truth often comes as a surprise.

~Henning Mankell

Police work wouldn't be possible without coffee," Wallander said. "No work would be possible without coffee." They pondered the importance of coffee in silence.

~Henning Mankell

When one historical period is replaced by another, there is always a group of people left over from the old society

~Henning Mankell

Sweden is still a very peaceful country to live in. I think that people in Britain have created this mythology about Sweden, that it's a perfect democratic society full of erotically charged girls.

~Henning Mankell

Novels are . . . an unsurpassed form to understand people.

~Henning Mankell

The evil always comes from details.

~Henning Mankell

I'm not very much of a reader really, because I find much of it very bad, very uninteresting, very speculative.

~Henning Mankell

One of the agonies of being an author is to know when to stop writing.

I do not understand how on earth you can become a writer without seeing the world.

~Henning Mankell

When someone asks me to list the 10 best novels ever written, I always refuse to answer.

~Henning Mankell

I came to Mozambique in 1986, when I first became involved with Teatro Avenida - a theatre company that stages plays concerned with political and social issues.

~Henning Mankell

Our exile organizations have been our way of replacing the cities and villages we have lost.

~Henning Mankell

Africa was the most exotic place I could conceive of - the end of the world - and I knew I would go there one day.

~Henning Mankell

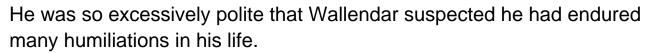
I think my Wallander stories give a fairly good image of the world in the 1990s. I don't regret anything about that - on the contrary!

~Henning Mankell

What annoys a person who suicides? The life itself. Boredom. Tiredness that descends on every morning when you look at yourself at the mirror.

~Henning Mankell

Shakespeare is in many ways an African writer and 'Hamlet' would be seen as a very accurate historical saga about an African kingdom.



~Henning Mankell

My mother did what many men do. She left.

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