

Herman Wouk

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When in trouble or in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout.

~Herman Wouk

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.

~Herman Wouk

I try to write a certain amount each day, five days a week. A rule sometimes broken is better than no rule.

~Herman Wouk

Discount my partiality, but my report is that so far *The Winds of War* is looking good.

~Herman Wouk

This is an excellent martini â€” sort of tastes like it isn't there at all, just a cold cloud.

~Herman Wouk

Some people think that all the equipment you need to discuss religion is a mouth.

~Herman Wouk

The door available to everyone that can lead to happiness & success is the modest door of the public library. I found it to be so in my own life and work.

~Herman Wouk

I felt there's a wealth in Jewish tradition, a great inheritance. I'd be a jerk not to take advantage of it.

~Herman Wouk

The only true non-conformists are in the asylums; the only radically free spirits are in the death house awaiting the chair. We live by patterns.

~Herman Wouk

Peace, if it ever exists, will not be based on the fear of war, but on the love of peace. It will not be the abstaining from an act, but the coming of a state of mind.

~Herman Wouk

The Navy is a master plan designed by geniuses for execution by idiots. If you're not an idiot, but find yourself in the Navy, you can only operate well by pretending to be one.

~Herman Wouk

This life is slow suicide, unless you read.

~Herman Wouk

We are in the black theater of nonexistence. In an eye blink the curtain is up, the stage ablaze, for the vast drama of ourselves.

~Herman Wouk

Write a page a day. It will add up.

~Herman Wouk

Illusion is an anodyne, bred by the gap between wish and reality.

~Herman Wouk

War is a business in which a lot of people watch a few people get killed and are damn glad it wasn't them.

~Herman Wouk

I regard the writing of humor as a supreme artistic challenge.

~Herman Wouk

A writer is nothing but a gray dirt-covered root. The works he sends up into the sunlight are his fruits, and only those are worthy of attention.

~Herman Wouk

The American people are not cowardly. But, living in prosperous isolation, they have been the spoiled children of modern history.

~Herman Wouk

I learned about machinery, I learned how men behaved under pressure, and I learned about Americans.

~Herman Wouk

About the nicest thing God ever invented was alcohol. He's proud of it, too. The Bible's full of kind remarks about booze.

~Herman Wouk

Some hours weigh against a whole lifetime.

~Herman Wouk

A leader can't dash ahead around the bend out of sight.

~Herman Wouk

... talk, not sex, constitutes most of the intercourse between a man and his wife.

~Herman Wouk

The Talmud: Heart's Blood of the Jewish Faith.

~Herman Wouk

... a war always ends.

~Herman Wouk

Every hour spent on the Caine was a great hour in all our lives-if you don't think so now you will later on, more and more.

~Herman Wouk

Strange, isn't it, that warfare has come down to fencing with complicated toys that only a few seedy scholars can make or

understand.

~Herman Wouk

The President has a quick and able mind, though not everybody gives him that, not by a long shot.

~Herman Wouk

My two sons speak Hebrew, and are familiar with the scriptures and with rabbinic literature. This is the way we live.

~Herman Wouk

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