

Khushwant Singh Quotes

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Morality is a matter of money. Poor people cannot afford to have morals. So they have religion.

~Khushwant Singh

No one has invented a condom for the pen yet. My pen is still sexy.

~Khushwant Singh

Your principle should be to see everything and say nothing. The world changes so rapidly that if you want to get on you cannot afford to align yourself with any person or point of view.

~Khushwant Singh

When the world is itself draped in the mantle of night, the mirror of the mind is like the sky in which thoughts twinkle like stars.

~Khushwant Singh

The last to learn of gossip are the parties concerned

~Khushwant Singh

Freedom is for the educated people who fought for it. We were slaves of the English, now we will be slaves of the educated Indians or the Pakistanis.

~Khushwant Singh

When you have counted eighty years and more, Time and Fate will batter at your door; But if you should survive to be a hundred, Your life will be death to the very core.

~Khushwant Singh

But big people's illnesses are always made to sound big. The simple shutting and opening of the royal arse-hole was made to sound as if the world was coming to an end.

~Khushwant Singh

I have never lost my temper. I let out my venom in my writing if I have to, but person-to-person, I have never lost my temper, never used abusive language.

~Khushwant Singh

I acquired long-lived parents. My mother died at 94. Father died at 90, holding a glass of whisky. I think that's the secret of longevity - to have long-lived parents. The rest is discipline.

~Khushwant Singh

I haven't any close friends. Friendship needs time to interact, sit down, gossip. I don't have that time.

~Khushwant Singh

[Sex] is of real interest to every human being and so why gloss over it, and it's fun, it's interesting, it has so many dimensions.

~Khushwant Singh

I don't want to be cremated, I want to be buried. I don't believe in wasting wood and I feel that one should give back to the earth.

~Khushwant Singh

I've had very little sex. I like my Scotch, but I've never been drunk.

~Khushwant Singh

I think the sense of belonging does give you a certain amount of mental satisfaction.

~Khushwant Singh

I discovered that a diplomat's life is largely entertaining and meeting people. At the end of the day there's nothing. So I gave up.

~Khushwant Singh

I was never a cardholder. But I was leftist in the sense that I voted

communist.

~Khushwant Singh

I am not a serious person. I don't claim any profundity for any of my writing.

~Khushwant Singh

I am prolific. Any rubbish I write gets published, so books keep churning out.

~Khushwant Singh

I turned to the Partition experiences, which were churning in my mind. Then came my first novel Train to Pakistan.

~Khushwant Singh

I was unhappy with the jobs I did after law. I got into the diplomatic service. There again I had really little to do.

~Khushwant Singh

I have never, in 50 years, ever missed a deadline [as a journalist].

~Khushwant Singh

I did subscribe to the freedom movement and I was much closer to the Congress than to the Akali party. It is a communal party.

~Khushwant Singh

I am alone, but never lonely. You have always books around you.

~Khushwant Singh

Friends meddle with my plan of work. I resent people dropping in for a chat.

~Khushwant Singh

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