

Lily King Quotes

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Anthropological fieldwork is so much like writing a novel. You don't know what the hell is going on.

~Lily King

When you have people who get angry quickly, you have to learn the rules to avoid being in that situation.

~Lily King

I had one family that used a lot of yelling and screaming, and that was very normal. Another side of my family, nobody would raise their voice at all.

~Lily King

Usually, the creating of the book happens while I'm writing the book. I start with Chapter One, with a few ideas and a handful of characters, and the book grows from there.

~Lily King

I had lived in France before graduate school, but because of Spain, I had a lot of the characters go and spend a good bit of time in Spain.

~Lily King

I'm always interested in a claustrophobic situation where people might be powerless to do things.

~Lily King

I love reading fiction about people who are connecting intellectually. I find that exhilarating.

~Lily King

I tend to elongate the sentences as I'm writing and editing, and there is just something about the feeling of writing longhand that I really love.

~Lily King

I definitely feel that my brain works differently, and words come out differently, if I have a pencil in my hand, rather than if I have a keyboard.

~Lily King

You write the facts as you see them, and there isn't a lull with a lot of description. No wonder people like to write about murder mysteries and dead bodies!

~Lily King

Was it possible in any relationship to not disappoint, to do anything more than only briefly rekindle the initial fatal illusion?

~Lily King

When I finished graduate school, the first George Bush was president, and I really wanted to get out of the country. We'd just gone through the first Gulf War.

~Lily King

I've also done things that put me in odd situations.

~Lily King

There are certain tribes in the middle Sepik that eat raw bat. A certain kind of raw bat is a delicacy.

~Lily King

Anthropologists are great at novelistic observations. I would be thrilled if this novel would encourage anthropologists to write what they see in fictional form.

~Lily King

I've always thought of writing as sort of active communication.

~Lily King

Perhaps all science is merely self-investigation.

~Lily King

I'm very interested in the way people interact emotionally.

~Lily King

There are very few things I would love to do other than a life of writing, and I think being a singer-songwriter and being an anthropologist are the two other things I can imagine doing.

~Lily King

I love this idea of trying to create that intellectual eroticism. That was what I was working toward all along.

~Lily King

To go back to my childhood, I experienced lots of different family cultures, all the while feeling like none of them were mine.

~Lily King

Every fictional thing I wrote gave me strength to write another and another. By the end I wasn't remaining true to anything but the story I wanted to tell.

~Lily King

I don't like stories where I'm being given pages and pages of detail.

~Lily King

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