

Maxwell Perkins

Quotes

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Editors are extremely fallible people, all of them. Don't put too much trust in them.

~Maxwell Perkins

It is those people who know that they are right because some outside or higher power conveys the conviction to them who do the great damage in the world.

~Maxwell Perkins

You can't know a book until you come to the end of it, and then all the rest must be modified to fit that.

~Maxwell Perkins

Every good thing that comes is accompanied by trouble.

~Maxwell Perkins

Learn about writing from reading. That is the right way to do it.

~Maxwell Perkins

Writing, like drawing is an art, and whatever conveys the meaning is justified.

~Maxwell Perkins

What we publishers think is that our function is to bring everything out into the open, on the theory that we have an adult population that knows values, or can learn them, and let them decide.

~Maxwell Perkins

The book belongs to the author.

~Maxwell Perkins

You are all right on time, except for the fact that time is the enemy of us all, and especially of the writer.

~Maxwell Perkins

I do not think anyone can read War and Peace too much. I read it six times.

~Maxwell Perkins

I believe the writer... should always be the final judge. I have always held to that position and have sometimes seen books hurt thereby, but at least as often helped. The book belongs to the author.

~Maxwell Perkins

You have to throw yourself away when you write.

~Maxwell Perkins

Of the whole public not a handful can understand the artist's point of view or the writer's conscience.

~Maxwell Perkins

I do not think you should read about writing while you are writing.

~Maxwell Perkins

For real self esteem is not derived from the great things you've done, the things you won. The mark you've made - but an appreciation of yourself for what you are.

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