

Nelson DeMille

Quotes

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If everyone howled at every injustice, every act of barbarism, every act of unkindness, then we would be taking the first step towards a real humanity.

~Nelson DeMille

We're all pilgrims on the same journey but some pilgrims have better road maps.

~Nelson DeMille

I like the process of pencil and paper as opposed to a machine. I think the writing is better when it's done in handwriting.

~Nelson DeMille

I generally unwind by having dinner with close friends.

~Nelson DeMille

There are Mafia families that have bought magnificent houses on the North Shore, although not yet the great estates because they don't want that kind of high profile.

~Nelson DeMille

Somehow our devils are never quite what we expect when we meet them face to face.

~Nelson DeMille

Everyone looked pensive, which is good cover-up for clueless.

~Nelson DeMille

How you handle life depends a lot on how you handle plan B, or if you have a plan B.

~Nelson DeMille

â€¦made me promise to cut down on the drinking and swearing, which I have. Unfortunately, this has left me dim-witted and nearly speechless.

~Nelson DeMille

I sometimes use some personality traits to fashion part of a character. Most of my characters are composites of either people I know or people in the public eye.

~Nelson DeMille

There are a lot of books about the passing of the English aristocracy, but the vast majority of Long Islanders don't understand their own backyard. It's a private preserve.

~Nelson DeMille

You have to go out of your way as a suspense novelist to find situations where the protagonists are somewhat helpless and in real danger.

~Nelson DeMille

Lawrence Sanders is an exciting new novelist, who reminds me of an early Robert Ludlum.

~Nelson DeMille

I used the pen name because I knew I wanted to write better novels under my own name someday.

~Nelson DeMille

I don't like mysteries, which is why I want to solve them. It bothers me that there are things I don't know.

~Nelson DeMille

I try to use short sentences, short paragraphs and short chapters to keep the reader's interest.

~Nelson DeMille

Most of my books are about contemporary subjects, and the world changes so fast that I'm lucky when events haven't overtaken the book

I'm writing at the moment.

~Nelson DeMille

Job happiness is directly proportional to the distance you are from the home office.

~Nelson DeMille

I try to end every chapter with an air of suspense. I try to leave the reader wanting to turn the page.

~Nelson DeMille

Stephen King once told me he liked my writing. And that was great.

~Nelson DeMille

I read 'Time', 'Newsweek' and 'The Economist'.

~Nelson DeMille

I had a very strong desire to be successful at something.

~Nelson DeMille

G.I. humor is similar to cop humor.

~Nelson DeMille

It's much different today than it was during the Cold War. The CIA is not the subject of many books anymore. But that might change, because of international terrorism and Red China.

~Nelson DeMille

I think it's more difficult now to write a spy thriller with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Many authors have tried, but few have succeeded in capturing the interest of readers.

~Nelson DeMille

I have no plans to use the Internet as the main subject of a novel.

~Nelson DeMille

Ernest Hemingway was the author I drew inspiration from.

~Nelson DeMille

I do write my manuscripts by hand, in pencil on legal pads. Then they are typed on a word processor by my typist.

~Nelson DeMille

...the most common cause of death among alpha males was ego.

~Nelson DeMille

Basically, all women are nurturers and healers, and all men are mental patients to varying degrees.

~Nelson DeMille

Mrs. Corey still uses her maiden name for business, or when she wants to pretend she doesn't know me.

~Nelson DeMille

It's good to stay as close to real life as you can, and then kind of dress it up.

~Nelson DeMille

Even the most radical Islamic terrorist would not want to see the revered holy city of Medina go up. It would be like losing the Vatican in Rome.

~Nelson DeMille

I thought to myself, what is everyone's worst fear? Nuclear terrorism in America.

~Nelson DeMille

Chemical and biological attacks are scary and will kill a lot of people but

dont rise to the level of nuclear.

~Nelson DeMille

The world has gotten smaller and more accessible since I first started writing in the 70's.

~Nelson DeMille

There is no terra incognito left.

~Nelson DeMille

Writing doesn't leave much time for hobbies, unless you consider that I began writing as a hobby and have made the hobby into a profession.

~Nelson DeMille

It's really scary when you have a moment of temporary sanity.

~Nelson DeMille

Kate had never been married, so she had no way of knowing if I was a normal husband. This has been good for our marriage.

~Nelson DeMille

A lot of our perception of history is influenced by inaccurate movies.

~Nelson DeMille

I turned to the Times crossword puzzle and asked Kate, "What's the definition of a moderate Arab?" "I don't know." "A guy who ran out of ammunition."

~Nelson DeMille

The meaning of life has not much to do with good and evil, right and wrong, duty, honor, country, or any of that. It has to do with cutting the right deal.

~Nelson DeMille

Panic---a deep abiding, free-floating anxiety, often without any reason or logical basis.

~Nelson DeMille

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