

Nina Bawden

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I like writing for children. It seems to me that most people underestimate their understanding and the strength of their feelings and in my books for them I try to put this right.

~Nina Bawden

I am not a victim. I am an angry survivor.

~Nina Bawden

All writers are liars. They twist events to suit themselves. They make use of their own tragedies to make a better story... They are terrible people.

~Nina Bawden

All writers are thieves; theft is a necessary tool of the trade.

~Nina Bawden

One good reason for writing novels based on your life is that you have something to read in old age when you've forgotten what happened.

~Nina Bawden

A writer's work may be a coded autobiography, but only a very close friend could decipher it.

~Nina Bawden

People's lives are in the care of the railways when they get on a train. The railways should remember that.

~Nina Bawden

I met Richard Burton, an RAF cadet on a two-term course. I would have flirted more enthusiastically if it had not been for the horrid boils on the back of his neck.

~Nina Bawden

I like stirring the pot - I think it's part of my duty, to shake people up a

bit - make them look at things in a different way.

~Nina Bawden

I dislike the word 'victim.' I dislike being told that I 'lost' my husband - as if I had idly abandoned you by the side of the railway track like an unwanted pair of old shoes.

~Nina Bawden

I wanted to be a war reporter - scrabbling around, exposing things. I didn't want to go to university, I wanted to get a job, but Auntie Beryl said I should go to Oxford.

~Nina Bawden

People who don't read seem to me mysterious. I don't know how they think or learn about other people. Novels are a very important part of our education.

~Nina Bawden

Margaret Thatcher was in my year, and our first-year college photograph shows us standing side by side in the back row. We were both grammar school girls on state scholarships.

~Nina Bawden

Children often have a much stronger concept of morality than adults.

~Nina Bawden

I would hate to live in the country, unless I was living on a farm.

~Nina Bawden

I've never found it made the slightest difference being a woman - though there is a sort of feeling that as you get older you're not so interesting.

~Nina Bawden

There are many times when I think I would have rather died with my husband. It would have been pleasanter, simpler. But it would have been worse for the children and the family in general.

~Nina Bawden

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