

Norman Spinrad

Quotes

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If I had parallel lives to pursue, I would also want one as a painter.

~Norman Spinrad

As a child, I read science fiction, but from the very beginnings of my reading for pleasure, I read a lot of non-fictional history, particularly historical biography.

~Norman Spinrad

I've always been interested in the relationship between total external surround, culture, the political matrix, technology, etc., and the internal human consciousness.

~Norman Spinrad

Mexico was conquered more by manipulation of myth and archetype.

~Norman Spinrad

I'm not gifted, but I'm not hopeless.

~Norman Spinrad

In America, if you don't do a 100 million dollars, you've done nothing.

~Norman Spinrad

I get work because I'm primarily a novelist but I've become script doctor. I can work back and forth between French and English.

~Norman Spinrad

Chaos is the enemy of Order but the enemy of Chaos is also the enemy of Order

~Norman Spinrad

If it's not American, the French won't go see it.

~Norman Spinrad

I believe that interest in heroes is universal and eternal.

~Norman Spinrad

The saddest day of your life is when you decide to sell out, and nobody wants to buy.

~Norman Spinrad

The opprobrium of assholes is a badge of honor.

~Norman Spinrad

You can really do more than you think you can do.

~Norman Spinrad

Is anything accidental?

~Norman Spinrad

There is only one definition of science fiction that seems to make sense: 'Science fiction is anything published as science fiction.'

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The thematic, psychological, and cultural concerns of a writer are more relevant than whatever literary mode he or she chooses to deal with in any given novel.

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There are certain things that ordinary people have that celebrities don't have.

~Norman Spinrad

I write in American slang.

~Norman Spinrad

I was a precocious reader.

~Norman Spinrad

All fiction is lies - if it weren't, it would be biography, history, or reportage.

~Norman Spinrad

English is taking over the world. I just wrote a piece about it. And it's not by design. The United States dominates because it's the biggest market.

~Norman Spinrad

I never learned to read music.

~Norman Spinrad

I must admit to being greatly influenced by Joseph Campbell's *The Hero With a Thousand Faces*.

~Norman Spinrad

The world has become more complex as technology and easy travel mixes cultures without homogenizing them.

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