

Pramoedya Ananta Toer Quotes

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Life can give everything to whoever tries to understand and is willing to receive new knowledge.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

An educated person must learn to act justly, beginning, first of all, with his thoughts, then later in his deeds. That is what it means to be educated.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

It's proper that people have friends, friendships without self-interest. Without friends, life is too lonely.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

You must first of all think justly. Don't sit in judgment over others when you don't know the truth of the matter.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

My words, my writing, my actionsâ€”these have never been for myself alone, either directly or indirectly. There is no such thing as an artist who creates art only for himself. That is masturbation.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Let us see whether it is the New Order or me who will be the loser before Indonesian history. I have won. The New Order has fallen and my writings have been translated into 40 languages.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Painting is literature in colors. Literature is painting in language.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

The love I knew was from books.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Every book that is banned is a badge of honor.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

I'll do as I please. My mind is not to be imprisoned.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

The fracture of pencil still useful, but the fracture of soul, we couldn't use it, Mister.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

At the beginning of all growth, everything imitates.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

I don't follow any kind of 'isms.' If there is one, it will be Pram-ism.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

I did not succeed in everything I did. And even where it did seem I was succeeding it was not always the case. The human heart has a million facets.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Every award for me is important because it means a slap against militarism and fascism in Indonesia.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

I happen to be pretty productive when I am in jail. When you are in jail, you have to spend more time with yourself.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Even though no one admits it, writers are leaders in their communities.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

A mother knows what her child's gone through, even if she didn't see it herself.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Capital dictates the fate of humanity.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

I don't write to give joy to readers but to give them a conscience.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Pity is the feeling of well-intentioned people who are unable to act.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

Every good teaching may still end up producing evil bandits who have no principles whatsoever, an outcome even more likely when the teacher is also a bandit.

~Pramoedya Ananta Toer

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