

# Red Smith Quotes

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Ninety feet between home plate and first base may be the closest man has ever come to perfection.

~Red Smith

Writing is easy. Just sit in front of a typewriter, open up a vein and bleed it out drop by drop.

~Red Smith

It is well known that the older a man grows, the faster he could run as a boy.

~Red Smith

Now it is done. Now the story ends. And there is no way to tell it. The art of fiction is dead. Reality has strangled invention.

~Red Smith

I have known writers who paid no damned attention whatever to the rules of grammar and rhetoric and somehow made the language behave for them.

~Red Smith

Today's game is always different from yesterday's game.

~Red Smith

It was an ideal day for football - too cold for the spectators and too cold for the players.

~Red Smith

Baseball is a dull game only for those with dull minds.

~Red Smith

Dying is no big deal. Living is the trick.

~Red Smith

Unlike the normal pattern, I know I have grown more liberal as I've grown older. I have become more convinced that there is room for improvement in the world.

~Red Smith

Writing is very much like bricklaying. You learn to put one brick on top of another and spread the mortar so thick.

~Red Smith

I like to get where the cabbage is cooking and catch the scents.

~Red Smith

In entertainment value, the Democratic clambake usually lays it over the Republican conclave like ice cream over parsnips.

~Red Smith

The natural habitat of the tongue is the left cheek.

~Red Smith

Any sportswriter who thinks the world is no bigger than the outfield fence is not only a bad citizen, but also a lousy sportswriter.

~Red Smith

The Russians have a weapon that can wipe out two hundred eighty thousand Americans. That puts them exactly ten years behind Howard Cosell.

~Red Smith

Young men have visions, old men have dreams.

~Red Smith

My best girl is dead.

~Red Smith

Ninety feet between the bases is the nearest thing to perfection that man has yet achieved.

~Red Smith

It's no accident that of all the monuments left of the Greco- Roman culture the biggest is the ballpark, the Colosseum, the Yankee Stadium of ancient times.

~Red Smith

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