

Richard Wright Quotes

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Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.

~Richard Wright

Don't leave inferences to be drawn when evidence can be presented.

~Richard Wright

Reading was like a drug, a dope. The novels created moods in which I lived for days.

~Richard Wright

Whenever my environment had failed to support or nourish me, I had clutched at books.

~Richard Wright

But the color of a Negro's skin makes him easily recognizable, makes him suspect, converts him into a defenseless target

~Richard Wright

All literature is protest.

~Richard Wright

Violence is a personal necessity for the oppressed...It is not a strategy consciously devised. It is the deep, instinctive expression of a human being denied individuality.

~Richard Wright

Love grows from stable relationships, shared experience, loyalty, devotion, trust.

~Richard Wright

I knew that I lived in a country in which the aspirations of black people were limited, marked-off. Yet I felt that I had to go somewhere and do something to redeem my being alive.

~Richard Wright

Make up your mind, Snail! You are half inside your house, And halfway out!

~Richard Wright

I was not leaving the south to forget the south, but so that some day I might understand it

~Richard Wright

Goddamnit, look! We live here and they live there. We black and they white. They got things and we ain't. They do things and we can't. It's just like livin' in jail.

~Richard Wright

The artist must bow to the monster of his own imagination.

~Richard Wright

there are times when life's ends are so raveled that reason and sense cry out that we stop and gather them together again before we can proceed

~Richard Wright

I did not know if the story was factually true or not, but it was emotionally true [...].

~Richard Wright

If a man confessed anything on his death bed, it was the truth; for no man could stare death in the face and lie.

~Richard Wright

Hunger has always been more or less at my elbow when I played, but now I began to wake up at night to find hunger standing at my bedside, staring at my gauntly.

~Richard Wright

It would have been impossible for me to have told anyone what I derived from these novels, for it was nothing less than a sense of life itself.

~Richard Wright

It was not a matter of believing or disbelieving what I read, but of feeling something new, of being affected by something that made the look of the world different.

~Richard Wright

I didn't know I was really alive in this world until I felt things hard enough to kill for 'em.

~Richard Wright

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