

# Robert Aris Willmott

## Quotes

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Genius, Light, People, Stars, Flower, Reflection, Blood, History, Spiritual, Hands*

A first book has some of the sweetness of a first love.

~Robert Aris Willmott

The ponderous tomes are bales of the mind's merchandise.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Whatever is beautiful is also profitable.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Taste is often one of the aspects of fashion.

~Robert Aris Willmott

The light of genius never sets, but sheds itself upon other faces, in different hues of splendor. Homer glows in the softened beauty of Virgil, and Spenser revives in the decorated learning of Gray.

~Robert Aris Willmott

To study history is to study literature.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Taste is improved by cultivation.

~Robert Aris Willmott

The drama is the book of the people.

~Robert Aris Willmott

A discursive student is almost certain to fall into bad company. Ten minutes with a French novel or a German rationalist have sent a reader away with a fever for life.

~Robert Aris Willmott

A good reader is nearly as rare as a good writer. People bring their prejudices, whether friendly or adverse. They are lamp and spectacles, lighting and magnifying the page.

~Robert Aris Willmott

The exhibition of real strength is never grotesque. Distortion is the agony of weakness. It is the dislocated mind whose movements are spasmodic.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Talents, to strike the eye of posterity, should be concentrated. Rays, powerless while they are scattered, burn in a point.

~Robert Aris Willmott

We waste the power in impatience which, if, otherwise employed, might remedy the evil.

~Robert Aris Willmott

It is supposable that, in the eyes of angels, a struggle down a dark lane and a battle of Leipsic differ in nothing but excess of wickedness.

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It is only dislocated minds whose movements are spasmodic.

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Genius finds its own road and carries its own lamp.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Honest fiction may be made to supplement the pulpit.

~Robert Aris Willmott

A cultivated reader of history is domesticated in all families; he dines with Pericles, and sups with Titian.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Humor is the pensiveness of wit.

~Robert Aris Willmott

It is the empiric who never fails.

~Robert Aris Willmott

No canvas absorbs colour like memory.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Genius is nourished from within and without.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Occasionally a single anecdote opens a character; biography has its comparative anatomy, and a saying or a sentiment enables the skilful hand to construct the skeleton.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Some imitation is involuntary and unconscious.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Every fresh acquirement is another remedy against affliction and time.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Some gifted adventurer is always sailing round the world of art and science, to bring home costly merchandise from every port.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Education is the apprenticeship of life

~Robert Aris Willmott

In literature and art memory is a synonym for invention. It is the life-blood of imagination, which faints and dies when the veins are empty.

~Robert Aris Willmott

Newton found that a star, examined through a glass tarnished by smoke, was diminished into a speck of light. But no smoke ever

breathed so thick a mist as envy or detraction.

~Robert Aris Willmott

The discovery of one star is the promise of another.

~Robert Aris Willmott

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