

# Roger Ross Williams

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Owen [Suskind], in a sense, grew up on a diet of myth and fable, and has become an expert on their themes, which contain a moral guide that connects people.

~Roger Ross Williams

After I read about Uganda's now famous "kill the gays" bill, I wanted to explore the religious forces behind it. As a gay man, I wanted to understand the folks who wanted to kill me and why.

~Roger Ross Williams

Imagine that you're a gay man and you're spending all your time with people who believe you are possessed by the devil.

~Roger Ross Williams

Someone told me once that I'm worse than a dog, I'm the scum of the earth, so for me it was draining.

~Roger Ross Williams

I saw footage of a well-known pastor holding a Bible and saying, "This book says homosexuals should be killed."

~Roger Ross Williams

I didn't have a lot of exposure to films as a kid, and I never went to the cinema. I had a single mom who just planted me in front of the television.

~Roger Ross Williams

The relationship between a director and an editor in documentaries is so important.

~Roger Ross Williams

Uganda can greatly benefit from American evangelicals if they separate the Scott Lively extremists from the Rick Warren-type of moderate evangelicals.

~Roger Ross Williams

That is what I was more drawn to - creating stories while changing and altering reality.

~Roger Ross Williams

I'm not an activist at all. I'm a filmmaker, and I wanted the people involved to tell their own story.

~Roger Ross Williams

I mentioned before, these [classic Disney films] are classic mythological tales, a hero's journey, and have been told for thousands of years. Disney has updated them, and made them accessible for us.

~Roger Ross Williams

There is much institutionalized racism in The Netherlands and the non-White population is just now beginning to fight for their rights.

~Roger Ross Williams

While growing up, I lived in my own fantasy world. I had kind of a rough childhood, so I created my own reality.

~Roger Ross Williams

American missionaries have free rein in Uganda. They can go anywhere they please - schools, hospitals, parliament.

~Roger Ross Williams

The musicians are good and their music is catchy - it pulls the kids in in droves. Mike Bickle admitted to me that the music was a big part of their success at attracting young people.

~Roger Ross Williams

When you are in the prayer room you forget about the outside world and fall into a Christian rock coma, and nothing else seems to matter.

~Roger Ross Williams

The product Disney created actually changed a life, and that was significant to them. They didn't stand in my way at all.

~Roger Ross Williams

Racism is a global problem and it is as damaging to Whites as it is to non-Whites. Everyone must fight against it.

~Roger Ross Williams

Obviously it was an out of body experience to win an Academy Award.

~Roger Ross Williams

Symbolic racism is hurtful and it is especially hurtful to Black children who get called Black Pete in school and grow up with the sense that they are inferior to white kids.

~Roger Ross Williams

It's a horrible feeling to be mocked and ridiculed because of your race.

~Roger Ross Williams

Racism was never acceptable to the people who suffer from it.

~Roger Ross Williams

[Zwarte Piet] is unfortunate, and just like the early American blackface films, if it offends a segment of the population, it shouldn't be shown again.

~Roger Ross Williams

I don't think we're getting the empathy, and identifying with the situations that many African Americans experience. That's the problem with how the story is being reported.

~Roger Ross Williams

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