

Simon Winchester

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The most difficult task for anyone wandering through a foreign land with the hope of gaining some insight into it is the profound need to come to terms with the lives and thoughts of strangers.

~Simon Winchester

I find the science behind major natural events almost more interesting than the way in which those same events wreak their effects on human society.

~Simon Winchester

To be perfectly honest the old habits, specifically deadlines, still very much inform what I do. I am brutally disciplined about getting manuscripts in on time.

~Simon Winchester

Nothing is eternally stable, and even Kansas isn't really in Kansas anymore. The earth is in a constant state of flux.

~Simon Winchester

I've come to accept who my readers turn out to be, rather than having some sort of demographic target.

~Simon Winchester

I think they will never really enjoy true democracy in China.

~Simon Winchester

I don't hero worship for the sake of hero worship. When I find people who are truly remarkable - and I think Joseph Needham is a classic example - I do value their counsel.

~Simon Winchester

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