

Stanley Schmidt

Quotes

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It's most presumptuous to believe we already know all the answers and will never get any more big surprises.

~Stanley Schmidt

Don't mistake a good setup for a satisfying conclusion - many beginning writers end their stories when the real story is just ready to begin.

~Stanley Schmidt

Resist the temptation to try to use dazzling style to conceal weakness of substance.

~Stanley Schmidt

Blaming society makes it awfully easy for a person of weak character to shrug off his own responsibility for his actions.

~Stanley Schmidt

Ideally, I'd like every issue to include a diverse group of stories that meet the qualifications sketched above, but covering a wide range of specific matter and flavour.

~Stanley Schmidt

It's easy to imagine ways the future can be ugly and depressing. It's harder, but more worthwhile, to imagine plausible ways we can make it better.

~Stanley Schmidt

As for sticking strictly to presently known science, I will simply point out that we have already experienced at least two major revolutions in science in this century alone.

~Stanley Schmidt

There may be something to the suggestion about the pace of technological change intimidating writers, though - it's been awfully

hard to keep ahead of real developments.

~Stanley Schmidt

I think the rising and falling popularity of areas like hard SF and far-future SF is, to a considerable extent, the same as any other fashion.

~Stanley Schmidt

And, of course, some SF is set close enough to here and now that Anglo and European do apply. Since many of the writers come from those backgrounds, so does much of the fiction.

~Stanley Schmidt

This means I must pay close attention to the writing, but equally so to the scientific background - which sometimes means doing fairly involved calculations.

~Stanley Schmidt

Usually if nobody hates a piece, nobody loves it, either; and a magazine which sets itself the goal of provoking thought is not doing its job if everybody agrees with what it does.

~Stanley Schmidt

Through our entire history we have become accustomed to pushing [animals] around in ways dictated by our own wants and needs without much regard for theirs.

~Stanley Schmidt

What SF can do better than anything else is show us the range of our possible futures, and what we can do to realize the good ones and avoid the nasty ones.

~Stanley Schmidt

When something hasn't been around much for a while, and one

example of it turns up and catches people's eyes, they go looking for more like it - until they get tired of it again.

~Stanley Schmidt

Its limitations are those of the physical universe: it won't let you play with some really wild ideas that aren't possible, but are fun to speculate about.

~Stanley Schmidt

intricately and intriguingly woven, lots of fun, and extremely thought provoking.

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