

Thomas Wolfe

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You have reached the pinnacle of success as soon as you become uninterested in money, compliments, or publicity.

~Thomas Wolfe

The whole conviction of my life now rests upon the belief that loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence.

~Thomas Wolfe

All things on earth point home in old October; sailors to sea, travellers to walls and fences, hunters to field and hollow and the long voice of the hounds, the lover to the love he has forsaken.

~Thomas Wolfe

Man is born to live, to suffer, and to die, and what befalls him is a tragic lot. There is no denying this in the final end. But we must deny it all along the way.

~Thomas Wolfe

Make your mistakes, take your chances, look silly, but keep on going. Don't freeze up.

~Thomas Wolfe

America - it is a fabulous country, the only fabulous country; it is the only place where miracles not only happen, but where they happen all the time.

~Thomas Wolfe

I have to see a thing a thousand times before I see it once.

~Thomas Wolfe

Is this not the true romantic feeling; not to desire to escape life, but to prevent life from escaping you.

~Thomas Wolfe

The mountains were his masters. They rimmed in life. They were the cup of reality, beyond growth, beyond struggle and death. They were his absolute unity in the midst of eternal change.

~Thomas Wolfe

Making the world safe for hypocrisy.

~Thomas Wolfe

It seems to me that in the orbit of our world you are the North Pole, I the South--so much in balance, in agreement--and yet... the whole world lies between.

~Thomas Wolfe

Each of us is all the sums he has not counted: subtract us into the nakedness and night again, and you shall see begin in Crete four thousand years ago the love that ended yesterday in Texas.

~Thomas Wolfe

Then summer fades and passes and October comes. We'll smell smoke then, and feel an unexpected sharpness, a thrill of nervousness, swift elation, a sense of sadness and departure.

~Thomas Wolfe

There is one voyage, the first, the last, the only one.

~Thomas Wolfe

There's no sight on earth more appealing than that of a woman making dinner for someone she loves.

~Thomas Wolfe

In Sleep we lie all naked and alone, in Sleep we are united at the heart of night and darkness, and we are strange and beautiful asleep; for we are dying the darkness and we know no death.

~Thomas Wolfe

You can't go home again

~Thomas Wolfe

Loneliness is and always has been the central and inevitable experience of every man.

~Thomas Wolfe

Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs.

~Thomas Wolfe

Each moment is the fruit of forty thousand years. The minute-winning days, like flies, buzz home to death, and every moment is a window on all time.

~Thomas Wolfe

O lost, And by the wind grieved, Ghost, Come back again.

~Thomas Wolfe

Peace fell upon her spirit. Strong comfort and assurance bathed her whole being. Life was so solid and splendid, and so good.

~Thomas Wolfe

A young man is so strong, so mad, so certain, and so lost. He has everything and he is able to use nothing.

~Thomas Wolfe

And who shall say--whatever disenchantment follows--that we ever forget magic; or that we can ever betray, on this leaden earth, the apple-tree, the singing, and the gold?

~Thomas Wolfe

...he was like a man who stands upon a hill above the town he had left, yet does not say 'The town is near,' but turns his eyes upon the distant soaring ranges.

~Thomas Wolfe

I don't know yet what I am capable of doing, but, by God, I have genius -- I know it too well to blush behind it.

~Thomas Wolfe

Not even the most powerful organs of the press, including Time, Newsweek, and The New York Times, can discover a new artist or certify his work and make it stick. They can only bring you the scores.

~Thomas Wolfe

Only the dead know Brooklyn.

~Thomas Wolfe

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