

# Tim Cahill

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Journey, Editors, Comfort, Heart, Emotional, May, Movement, Whales,  
Disrespect*

There's a story everywhere. Being bored to death someplace is basically a funny proposition. What you have to watch out for is you don't write a boring story about a boring place.

~Tim Cahill

A journey is best measured in friends, not in miles.

~Tim Cahill

I am living out my adolescent dream of travel and adventure.

~Tim Cahill

I take compliments and I take constructive criticism. Not everyone loves you. It's the way you react as a footballer. I use it all to make me play better.

~Tim Cahill

No amount of money could make me play for Liverpool, that isn't disrespect to Liverpool or their fans, it's respect for Everton

~Tim Cahill

A constant ongoing joke among the people that I travel with is my absolutely hopeless sense of direction. I'm able to get lost a half an hour from camp. I don't know how I do this.

~Tim Cahill

The sensual caress of waist deep cold snow.... glory in skiing virgin snow, in being the first to mark the powder with the signature of their run.

~Tim Cahill

Mystery is a resource, like coal or gold, and its preservation is a fine thing.

~Tim Cahill

My concept of drama requires obstacles, and there's no obstacles in comfort.

~Tim Cahill

I see many people trying to write well about the wilderness, and essentially failing. To me there are basically two aspects of a failed outdoor story. One is the phony epiphany on the mountain top.

~Tim Cahill

The explorer is the person who is lost.

~Tim Cahill

Stanley Kubrick went with his gut feeling: he directed 'Dr. Strangelove' as a black comedy. The film is routinely described as a masterpiece.

~Tim Cahill

In my house, it is always a scramble from paycheck to paycheck.

~Tim Cahill

I wanted to be a writer from my early teenage years, but I never told anyone. Writers, in my opinion, were god-like creatures, and to say I was striving to be a writer would be incredibly arrogant.

~Tim Cahill

The way one approaches a wilderness story is to fashion a quest - find something that you are truly interested in finding or discovering.

~Tim Cahill

The traces of our life here will lie cold and still, dreaming, like the brittle eyes of dolls in an abandoned cabin, and the last men will look to them for explanations, or apologies.

~Tim Cahill

Charlie Patton, who was born in 1891, recorded some of the very first

blues. In 'Pony Blues' and 'Peavine Blues,' he manages to pile dense layers of rhythms one upon the other.

~Tim Cahill

The blues style - moody or rollicking or boastful or bashful - developed in the Delta around 1900 and was, for a time, exclusively African-American. That isn't the case anymore.

~Tim Cahill

An adventure is never an adventure when it happens. An adventure is simply physical and emotional discomfort recollected in tranquility.

~Tim Cahill

A journey is measured in friends, not miles.

~Tim Cahill

You have to first be a writer and somebody who loves to write. If I couldn't travel, I would still write.

~Tim Cahill

My problem with most athletic challenges is training. I'm lazy and find that workouts cut into my drinking time.

~Tim Cahill

The dirty little secret about adventure writing is that something has to go wrong.

~Tim Cahill

The hard wind we get around here on the eastern slopes of the Rockies is called a Chinook. It's a katabatic wind and comes from mountains to the west of us and the mountains to the south.

~Tim Cahill

The only use for a knife during a shark attack is pure treachery: Stab

your buddy, swim like hell, and hope the munchies take him.

~Tim Cahill

It's often hilarious to me that I'm writing about Tonga or some tropical place and there's a blizzard outside and the cows are on their backs with their hooves in the air.

~Tim Cahill

Many people go into the wilderness to experience it, and if they experience it in comfort, there's very little in a literary sense for them to write about.

~Tim Cahill

Healthier, perhaps, to find beauty in life and feel it expand inside of us.

~Tim Cahill

An adventure is never an adventure while it's happening. Challenging experiences need time to ferment, and adventure is simply physical and emotional discomfort recollected in tranquillity.

~Tim Cahill

You become a better writer by writing. You become a better travel writer by writing about travel.

~Tim Cahill

Adventure travel existed before I started, I just didn't know it.

~Tim Cahill

My idea of a vacation is staying home and doing short day hikes, floating the river and things like that.

~Tim Cahill

New Orleans jazz is a complex and embracing art form that began about the same time as the blues and encompassed many of its

excellences.

~Tim Cahill

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