

Tim Winton

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There is nowhere else I'd rather be, nothing else I would prefer to be doing. I am at the beach looking west with the continent behind me as the sun tracks down to the sea. I have my bearings.

~Tim Winton

The ocean is a supreme metaphor for change. I expect the unexpected but am never fully prepared.

~Tim Winton

It's the pointless things that give your life meaning. Friendship, compassion, art, love. All of them pointless. But they're what keeps life from being meaningless.

~Tim Winton

For every moment the sea is peace and relief, there is another when it shivers and stirs to become chaos. It's just as ready to claim as it is to offer.

~Tim Winton

We rise to a challenge and set a course. We take a decision. You put your mind to something. Just deciding to do it gets you halfway there. Daring to try.

~Tim Winton

The desert is a spiritual place, we vaguely understand, and the sea the mere playground of our hedonism.

~Tim Winton

Overfishing is an obvious threat to our capacity to feed ourselves.

~Tim Winton

I came home at dusk with my ears ringing from the quiet.

~Tim Winton

It's impossible to imagine what Australia would be like without surfing.

~Tim Winton

People do change - individuals, families, nations - and the pace of transformation need not be geological.

~Tim Winton

Surviving is the strongest memory I have; the sense of having walked on water.

~Tim Winton

Hunting and gathering are in my blood. But I've lived long enough to witness a diminution in the seas, and to notice a fragility where once I saw - or assumed - an endless bounty.

~Tim Winton

And you can't help but worry for them, love them, want for them - those who go on down the close, foetid galleries of time and space without you.

~Tim Winton

If we love the sea as much as we claim to we'll do everything we possibly can to keep it healthy. Otherwise we might as well take up golf.

~Tim Winton

When I was a girl I had this strong feeling that I didn't belong anywhere,... It was in my head, what I thought and dreamt, what I believed..., that's where I belonged, that was my country.

~Tim Winton

It's dark already and I'm out here again, talking, telling the story to the quiet night.

~Tim Winton

It's funny, but you never really think much about breathing. Until it's all you ever think about.

~Tim Winton

And though I've lived to be an old man with my very own share of happiness for all the mess I made, I still judge every joyous moment, every victory and revelation against those few seconds of living.

~Tim Winton

Surfers are the canaries down the mine. Those of us who surf spend more time than anyone soaking in whatever the sea has become. We're suspended in consequences, you might say.

~Tim Winton

The health of our seas determines the future of humanity.

~Tim Winton

It's sadness coming on like the old days, the vast seamless hopeless weight of sadness looking for a place to rest.

~Tim Winton

Humour is God's special gift to humanity. Handy, because it turns out to be necessary.

~Tim Winton

Surfing is one of the most joyful pursuits a human can take up. But there's no joy in a deadzone. If you've ever surfed in turds and medical waste you don't want to repeat the experience.

~Tim Winton

Different tenses and perspectives offer you different things. It helps to distinguish the world that they are in.

~Tim Winton

It's how I fill the time when nothing's happening. Thinking too much, flirting with melancholy.

~Tim Winton

Wherever I went I felt like the last person awake in a room full of sleepers

~Tim Winton

I grew up in a family that believed love was at work in the world. I guess that's a religious idea, though of course it needn't be.

~Tim Winton

I liked books - the respite and privacy of them - books about plants and the formation of ice and the business of world wars. Whenever I sank into them I felt free.

~Tim Winton

The end of the world begins in the sea we love.

~Tim Winton

The blank page doesn't bother me. It's the voice in my head (not always my own) that gives me the yips. It's worse when I'm not making stuff up.

~Tim Winton

The notion that love is abroad in the world has shaped my life.

~Tim Winton

Whatever you believe, you need faith to get through the day.

~Tim Winton

In fiction 'issues' are accidental, sometimes incidental. The place and the people it creates are paramount.

~Tim Winton

A problem not so well understood is the growing presence of plastics in the marine food chain. If we don't make big changes fast, the fish we do save may no longer be safe to eat.

~Tim Winton

Optimism is necessary even if you don't instinctively feel it.

~Tim Winton

Humour's the pay-off for all that existential horror.

~Tim Winton

I went to school for 12 years, and uni for four, but I learnt more about human existence in the 30 hours it took my first child to be born than I did in all those years of study.

~Tim Winton

Doing nothing is making certain you lose. Which is just gutless.

~Tim Winton

And the sun on the wall of her room, the block of sun with all the tiny flying things in it. When she was little she thought they were the souls of dead insects, still buzzing in the light.

~Tim Winton

People are fools, not monsters

~Tim Winton

Being afraid proves you're alive and awake.

~Tim Winton

What I'm saying so badly is we're bred now to believe we're in control and should be in control.

~Tim Winton

People can make symbolic gestures but doesn't mean their life changes. One philanthropic moment doesn't make a life of renewal; of change.

~Tim Winton

Who wants to be reputable? That's for golfers and tycoons with a sleazy past.

~Tim Winton

I eat green ants often enough. They are wonderful. The trick is to squash them before you eat them, otherwise they bite your tongue and it ruins the experience.

~Tim Winton

It is hard for me to speak of themes. I like the reader to do that. Otherwise it feels like writing a 3rd grade essay on someone else's work.

~Tim Winton

Past tense offers authority, distance, and present tense offers emotional immediacy.

~Tim Winton

We live in specific places. We are marked by a place.

~Tim Winton

I was in my thirties before I learnt that I too would prefer not to see what I could no longer have

~Tim Winton

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