

# Tom Bodett

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In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

~Tom Bodett

They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for.

~Tom Bodett

The difference between an optimist and a pessimist? An optimist laughs to forget, but a pessimist forgets to laugh.

~Tom Bodett

I come from very common stock, and I've always been uncomfortable with pretension and all the forms it can take, including disingenuous broadcasting.

~Tom Bodett

You can make a new friend but you can't make an old one.

~Tom Bodett

That's what the American odyssey is really about: Leaving home. Leaving home and coming home, and trying to understand the difference.

~Tom Bodett

In the America I see from here, anything is possible - especially the impossible.

~Tom Bodett

Mine is not a story to tell struggling writers.

~Tom Bodett

Americans are generally very self-sufficient and I think generally averse to pretension, just as I am.

~Tom Bodett

Professor Al Drake encouraged me to just write the way I talk. I decided if that's what I needed to do, I didn't need to be in school to do it.

~Tom Bodett

Like most Alaska immigrants, my roots continue to petition for equal time.

~Tom Bodett

I'm not an impersonator. I've only got one voice and only do one guy and his first-person essays.

~Tom Bodett

Tom Kizzia hasn't just observed and written about Alaska for three-plus decades, he's lived it. 'Pilgrim's Wilderness' is a story that needed to be told by the only man who could tell it.

~Tom Bodett

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