

# Tony Hillerman

## Quotes

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The essays in *The Great Taos Bank Robbery* were my project to win a Master of Arts degree in English when I quit being a newspaper editor and went back to college.

~Tony Hillerman

An author knows his landscape best; he can stand around, smell the wind, get a feel for his place.

~Tony Hillerman

From where we stand the rain seems random. If we could stand somewhere else, we would see the order in it.

~Tony Hillerman

The first Chapter Law is, "Don't spend much time on it. You're going to have to rewrite it."

~Tony Hillerman

Having grown up in Oklahoma when it was one of the last states which prohibited liquor, I grew up with War On Drugs, where every teenager knew who the bootleggers were

~Tony Hillerman

A writer is like a bag lady going through life with a sack and a pointed stick collecting stuff.

~Tony Hillerman

I know what I write about seems exotic to a lot of people, but not for me. I pulled up to an old trading post and saw a few elderly Navajos sitting on a bench. I felt right at home.

~Tony Hillerman

IF you are not for yourself, who will be for you? If you are only for yourself, what are you? If not now, when?

~Tony Hillerman

Thoughts, and words that spring from them, bend the individual's reality. To speak of death is to invite it. To think of sorrow is to produce it.

~Tony Hillerman

I always try to make the setting fit the story I have in mind.

~Tony Hillerman

I try to make my books reflect humanity as I see it.

~Tony Hillerman

Women are extremely important shapers of my own life.

~Tony Hillerman

You write for two people, yourself and your audience, who are usually better educated and at least as smart.

~Tony Hillerman

Being Indian is not blood as much as it is culture.

~Tony Hillerman

How can you stop writing?

~Tony Hillerman

I am 82 years old. I imagine that I will keep on writing as long as anyone wants to keep reading.

~Tony Hillerman

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