

W. P. Kinsella

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Baseball games are like snowflakes and fingerprints, no two are ever alike.

~W. P. Kinsella

Hardly anybody recognizes the most significant moments of their life at the time they happen.

~W. P. Kinsella

Syzygy, inexorable, pancreatic, phantasmagoria - anyone who can use those four words in one sentence will never have to do manual labor.

~W. P. Kinsella

Read, read, read, read and then read some more.

~W. P. Kinsella

If I have a choice between looking something up and making it up, I'll make it up every time.

~W. P. Kinsella

I am an old-fashioned storyteller. I try to make people laugh and cry. A fiction writer's duty is to entertain. If you can sneak in something profound or symbolic, so much the better.

~W. P. Kinsella

America has been erased like a blackboard, only to be rebuilt and then erased again. But baseball has marked time while America has rolled by like a procession of steamrollers.

~W. P. Kinsella

If you build it, he will come.

~W. P. Kinsella

Use your imagination. Trust me, your lives are not interesting. Don't write them down.

~W. P. Kinsella

Someone once described the pitching of a no-hit game as like catching lighting in a bottle.

~W. P. Kinsella

[I] Played a little softball, but there was nowhere on the field it was safe for me to be.

~W. P. Kinsella

Perhaps crossing the barriers of time has freed me.

~W. P. Kinsella

I don't believe in the afterlife.

~W. P. Kinsella

My intuition told me that it was the grass that was important. Now it glows parrot-green, cool as mint, soft as moss, lying there like a cashmere blanket.

~W. P. Kinsella

Growing up is a ritual, more deadly than religion, more complicated than baseball, for there seem to be no rules. Everything is experienced for the first time.

~W. P. Kinsella

Any game becomes important when you know and love the players.

~W. P. Kinsella

[I had] uneventful, though isolated childhood. Good, kind, stable parents.

~W. P. Kinsella

After the strike, I lost interest. In reality, neither players nor owners care

in the least about the fans. The greed of both factions has destroyed baseball's credibility, at least for the present.

~W. P. Kinsella

It is hard to compare the eras, but Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb from the past, Sandy Koufax and Roger Clements from the present.

~W. P. Kinsella

I don't have time to read nonfiction.

~W. P. Kinsella

Found a good voice and took advantage of it. Each of my specialties was like a prospector discovering a vein of gold. I worked each until the vein was exhausted.

~W. P. Kinsella

Heroes don't need to talk about what they did.

~W. P. Kinsella

My main income came from failed movie and TV options.

~W. P. Kinsella

The Great Gatsby, the finest novel ever written.

~W. P. Kinsella

The crack of the bat, the sound of baseballs thumping into gloves, the infield chatter are like birdsong to the baseball starved.

~W. P. Kinsella

The law is like rope...useful, necessary, strong, but it can be bent and twisted into all kinds of shapes depending on the occasion.

~W. P. Kinsella

I knew how to read box scores and who the baseball heroes were

before I had ever seen or even heard much of a game.

~W. P. Kinsella

I'm a big fan of curling, follow all the major world events. Watch all four Tennis majors.

~W. P. Kinsella

I can still put down some pretty nasty stuff on paper, which is what I enjoy doing.

~W. P. Kinsella

At one time I'd been to every park except Baltimore and Houston, but can't even keep track of who plays where these days.

~W. P. Kinsella

I've played [Scrabble] tournaments for about 20 years. My daughter, Erin, who lives with me, also travels to tournaments. While I'm not a top division player, I've won a number of tournaments.

~W. P. Kinsella

In the 70s and 80s, I made a good living. Have managed my funds carefully, will never have to go out and cadge quarters from the tourists.

~W. P. Kinsella

Discovered W. Somerset Maugham in about 5th grade. Didn't understand the plots, but loved the descriptions.

~W. P. Kinsella

Curt Flood, of course, was in a class by himself, a true hero.

~W. P. Kinsella

My dad talked a good game. [I'm as a] child got only the World Series on the radio.

~W. P. Kinsella

I lost my wife Barbara to cancer few years ago. I would give whatever time I have left to spend one more day with her.

~W. P. Kinsella

I was lucky to get one good adaptation. Field of Dreams the Musical is lurking in the wings. Hope it will provide my daughters with a ton of money someday.

~W. P. Kinsella

I became exclusively an American League fan when they instituted the DH rule, and will remain so until the National League moves out of the dark ages.

~W. P. Kinsella

Yogi Berra, Bill Lee, they were irreverent, poked fun at the stodgy owners and managers.

~W. P. Kinsella

Until Color TV came along, BW TV was too muddy to be enjoyable.

~W. P. Kinsella

Basketball is the worst sport. They need to raise the basket at least two feet.

~W. P. Kinsella

[Mid-list writers are now] less greed on the part of both publishers and chain booksellers. It is easier for them to publish and sell only blockbusters and leave the real work to small presses.

~W. P. Kinsella

Have never been a minor league fan.

~W. P. Kinsella

1946, if my memory is correct. Harry "The Cat" Brecheen went against the Red Sox in Game 7. I stayed home to listen, practically had my head inside the radio.

~W. P. Kinsella

He bats like a lightning rod.

~W. P. Kinsella

Baseball is meant to be a contemplative game. They play music to draw young people to the game. If young people can't come to the game without music, then they should stay home.

~W. P. Kinsella

I have no interest in non-fiction. I don't read it and don't watch it and don't write it, other than a little journalistic column.

~W. P. Kinsella

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