

# Wally Lamb Quotes

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Take what people give you. Drink their milkshakes.

~Wally Lamb

Its the most breathtakingly ironic things about living: the fact that we are all-identical twins included-alone. Singular. And yet what we seek-what saves us-is our connection to others.

~Wally Lamb

I cried because I had no shoes. Then I met a man who had no feet.

~Wally Lamb

Love is like breathing, you take it in and let it out.

~Wally Lamb

Eastern Connecticut is very different from Western; we're more liverwurst than pÅtÅ, more bowling than polo.

~Wally Lamb

Change what you can, accept what you can't, and be smart enough to know the difference

~Wally Lamb

The seeker embarks on a journey to find what he wants and discovers, along the way, what he needs.

~Wally Lamb

If you want your prayers answered, get up off your knees and do something about them.

~Wally Lamb

Human behavior in the midst of hardship caught my attention very early on, and my first stories were all pictures, no words.

~Wally Lamb

If the book is true, it will find an audience that is meant to read it.

~Wally Lamb

All the dead bolts, pulled shades and hidden knives in the world couldn't protect you from the truth.

~Wally Lamb

As my early drawings warned me, where humans go, lions and tidal waves follow.

~Wally Lamb

Love comes in far more shapes and sizes than what the family-values crowd condones, of course.

~Wally Lamb

Love grows from the rich foam of forgiveness, mongrels make good dogs, and the evidence of God exists in the roundness of things.

~Wally Lamb

Power, wrongly used, defeats the oppressor as well as the oppressed.

~Wally Lamb

Getting a job scared her but she was determined not to shy away from risk. That's what life's all about. Climbing out onto the airplane wing and jumping off.

~Wally Lamb

Look, don't just stare at the pages," I used to tell my students. "Become the characters. Live inside the book.

~Wally Lamb

I think I write fiction for the opportunity to get beyond the limits of my own life.

~Wally Lamb

I think... the secret is to just settle for the shape of your life takes... Instead of you know, always waiting and wishing for what might make you happy.

~Wally Lamb

A woman who surrenders her freedom need not surrender her dignity.

~Wally Lamb

Only there's two sides to every story, you know. You just remember that.

~Wally Lamb

People waste their happiness - that's what makes me sad. Everyone's so scared to be happy.

~Wally Lamb

I like to write first-person because I like to become the character I'm writing.

~Wally Lamb

When I was a kid... I needed to belong.

~Wally Lamb

If you risked love, it took you wherever you wanted to go. If you repressed it, you ended up unhappy.

~Wally Lamb

The point is this: that the stream of memory may lead you to the river of understanding. And understanding, in turn, may be a tributary to the river of forgiveness.

~Wally Lamb

First I laughed my way through Elinor Lipman's book of political tweets. Then I put my ear to the ground and listened to Molly Ivins guffawing

from the grave. Lipman is a piquant poetic rock star!

~Wally Lamb

I try to find something that applies not to me only, but to others, but don't try to control it too much. Essentially it is about what moves us, teaches us about ourselves.

~Wally Lamb

I work hard, do my best and send it out to the world hoping that people can relate to it. I accept any reaction and hope they think it is worth reading.

~Wally Lamb

I try to stick with what moves me or teaches me about myself, same thing I hope the novels do for others.

~Wally Lamb

I am a plodder, I make an appointment with my computer everyday and I have no idea where I am going.

~Wally Lamb

I wanted to connect a modern story with a myth that I had read.

~Wally Lamb

I need to get lost and sometimes my characters lead me to places I don't expect to go.

~Wally Lamb

I write to find out what the story means to me, that is what I try to do especially with the first draft.

~Wally Lamb

So many bad things have happened to them that they can't trust the good things. They have to shove them away before someone can get it

back.

~Wally Lamb

The greatest griefs are silent.

~Wally Lamb

I'm a very rooted person. I grew up in Norwich, Connecticut, I still live in Connecticut.

~Wally Lamb

Fiction writing is a strange business when you think about it. You sit down and weave a network of lies to explore deeper truths.

~Wally Lamb

What if I don't like adventure? Then cultivate a taste for it. Take a chance. That's how you grow.

~Wally Lamb

My Italian-American heritage, of which I'm very proud and with which I identify strongly, surfaces in several of my novels.

~Wally Lamb

I won't read novels while writing novels.

~Wally Lamb

Love stories are probably all I've ever been able to write or want to write.

~Wally Lamb

I like to be surprised. The best writing is when it defies me, when it starts going a different way than I had planned.

~Wally Lamb

Religion's just a well-oiled profit-driven denial of the randomness of it

all.

~Wally Lamb

I usually learn more from the situations I hate than the ones I love.

~Wally Lamb

With destruction comes renovation.

~Wally Lamb

I love the most the students with troubled lives.

~Wally Lamb

Connecticut is in my blood.

~Wally Lamb

But what are our stories if not the mirrors we hold up to our fears?

~Wally Lamb

The roundness of life's design may be a sign that there is a presence beyond ourselves.

~Wally Lamb

Hardest thing: creating something out of nothing - the first draft is torturous.

~Wally Lamb

The evidence of God exists in the roundness of things.

~Wally Lamb

Dialogue comes naturally to me and I can hear the characters' voices in the scenes.

~Wally Lamb

I thought about how love was always the thing that did that - smashed

into you, left you raw. The deeper you loved, the deeper it hurt.

~Wally Lamb

Life is a whoopee cushion, a chair pulled away just as you were taking a seat.

~Wally Lamb



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