

# Walter Jon Williams

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Science fiction readers probably have the gene for novelty, and seem to enjoy a cascade of invention as much as a writer enjoys providing one.

~Walter Jon Williams

The Rift, which was well over a thousand pages of manuscript, took two years.

~Walter Jon Williams

I'm not afraid of werewolves or vampires or haunted hotels, I'm afraid of what real human beings do to other real human beings.

~Walter Jon Williams

Genre labels are useful only insofar as they help you find an audience.

~Walter Jon Williams

If you can find collaborators whose strengths compliment your own, the result can be more than the sum of its authors.

~Walter Jon Williams

Even if you only want to write science fiction, you should also read mysteries, poetry, mainstream literature, history, biography, philosophy, and science.

~Walter Jon Williams

Try to meet as many authors, agents, and editors as you can.

~Walter Jon Williams

Everything that you read is an influence on everything you write, and you want to draw as many elements into your work as you can.

~Walter Jon Williams

I want a platform that, like a book or a magazine, I can carry into the bath or leave at the beach.

~Walter Jon Williams

I can't speak for the other authors, but what I hoped to achieve was to illuminate certain corners of the Lucas universe that hadn't yet been explored.

~Walter Jon Williams

I was pretty much grown-up by the time I attended school in Britain - or as grown-up as I'll ever get.

~Walter Jon Williams

It's a tough job to tell a story when the audience already knows the ending, and the ending is bleak.

~Walter Jon Williams

The Internet offers an interesting combination of advertising and community - by participating in the community you can become an advertisement for yourself.

~Walter Jon Williams

I'm in favor of any technology that makes my work available to the reading public at a reasonable price.

~Walter Jon Williams

Being a writer was never a choice, it was an irresistible compulsion.

~Walter Jon Williams

I've experienced writer's block, but never for more than a few days.

~Walter Jon Williams

How long it takes to write a book depends on its length.

~Walter Jon Williams

When state and religion are one, religion becomes a means for the

powerful to remain in power.

~Walter Jon Williams

Some of my ideas were shot down by Lucasfilm because they stepped on territory that has been reserved for the movies. I didn't have a problem with that.

~Walter Jon Williams

An SF author who reads only SF will have little new to contribute, but someone with a broader experience will bring more to the table.

~Walter Jon Williams

The mass-market paperback, for one, is too expensive.

~Walter Jon Williams

I went to college, though I didn't take many writing courses.

~Walter Jon Williams

I now have to find a reason to write, every single day.

~Walter Jon Williams

Working within the limitations of the shared world generally made the writing easier, because I didn't have to invent any of the characters or background, which is usually the hardest part.

~Walter Jon Williams

Now I have to motivate myself much more than I had previously.

~Walter Jon Williams

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