

Wendy Cope Quotes

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Write to amuse? What an appalling suggestion! I write to make people anxious and miserable and to worsen their indigestion.

~Wendy Cope

Some socks are loners They can't live in pairs.

~Wendy Cope

Bloody Christmas, here again, let us raise a loving cup, peace on earth, goodwill to men, and make them do the washing up.

~Wendy Cope

When a poem doesn't work, the first question to ask yourself is, 'Am I telling the truth?'

~Wendy Cope

I have a theory that if you've got the kind of parents who want to send you to boarding school, you're probably better off at boarding school.

~Wendy Cope

The reason modern poetry is difficult is so that the poet's wife cannot understand it.

~Wendy Cope

Bloody men are like bloody buses - you wait for about a year and as soon as one approaches your stop two or three others appear.

~Wendy Cope

I like buying clothes, especially as I get a tax-deductible allowance.

~Wendy Cope

The interesting thing is that you don't often meet a poet who doesn't have a sense of humour, and some of them do keep it out of their poems because they're afraid of being seen as light versifiers.

~Wendy Cope

I was single for a long time and felt very much alone in the world, and talk of family values upset me very much at that phase in my life, because I used to think: 'What about people like me?'

~Wendy Cope

I think it's a question which particularly arises over women writers: whether it's better to have a happy life or a good supply of tragic plots.

~Wendy Cope

My heart has made its mind up And I'm afraid it's you.

~Wendy Cope

Possibly I've become less funny as I've been happier.

~Wendy Cope

I've said what I'm prepared to say in my poems, and then journalists think that you're going to tell them a whole lot more.

~Wendy Cope

Never trust a journalist.

~Wendy Cope

In my case, the long gaps between my books have got quite a lot to do with lack of confidence. A lot of the time when I'm not writing I start thinking I can't do it.

~Wendy Cope

There are so many kinds of awful men One can't avoid them all. She often said She'd never make the same mistake again: She always made a new mistake instead.

~Wendy Cope

I used to think all poets were Byronic Mad, bad and dangerous to know. And then I met a few. See Lamb 486:25.

~Wendy Cope

I've never been more famous than I was, suddenly, in 1986.

~Wendy Cope

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