

Wilbur Smith Quotes

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It's a strange paradox that a man gifted with too many talents can fritter them all away without developing a single one to its full.

~Wilbur Smith

I write my books in my head, and not in a specific study with a view. The view is from my inner eyes.

~Wilbur Smith

It's probably true that everyone has a book in them, although it may not be a very good one.

~Wilbur Smith

Failure makes success so much sweeter, and allows you to thumb your nose at the crowds.

~Wilbur Smith

I think one of the most poignant things is unrequited love and loneliness.

~Wilbur Smith

They do say that socialism is the ideal philosophy-just as long as you have capitalists to pay for it.

~Wilbur Smith

When I vacate this sack of old bones I won't care what you do with it. Bury or burn it but don't make much fuss.

~Wilbur Smith

Litigation only makes lawyers fat.

~Wilbur Smith

Sometimes it is best for men not to attempt to interfere with destiny. Our prayers can be answered in ways which we do not expect and do not welcome.

~Wilbur Smith

I don't want children. Why should I let some strange little monster into my life to destroy what to me is a perfect set-up?

~Wilbur Smith

All my characters have got a big slice of me in them. A big piece of me, because it's my dialogue and this is the way I think and talk.

~Wilbur Smith

You don't turn out as many books as I did then by sitting around, being cozy with the family.

~Wilbur Smith

History is a river that never ends. Today is history, and I am here at the fountainhead.

~Wilbur Smith

beware of your most implacable enemy-yourself.

~Wilbur Smith

I put my soul into every book I write.

~Wilbur Smith

I am a closet birdwatcher. I can identify Southern African species, but it irks me I can barely tell a jay from a blackbird in the U.K.

~Wilbur Smith

What I like about writing is the sense of godlike power it gives you.

~Wilbur Smith

I have never had too much trouble for creative ideas to spring up in my mind.

~Wilbur Smith

Authors can only soft sell the environment. Create a wonderful story around the environment involving the characters that leaves a lasting impression on the reader's mind.

~Wilbur Smith

I want to be seen as a good storyteller. I'm a manipulator as well.

~Wilbur Smith

My first novel was rejected by some of the most eminent publishers in the world. Starting again was a real wrench.

~Wilbur Smith

I know it's politically incorrect but I enjoy things like the kick boxing and cock fighting.

~Wilbur Smith

I love the sea as much as I love the veldt of Africa.

~Wilbur Smith

Every time one of my books sells a million copies in paperback, Pan Macmillan gives me a gold statuette of Pan. I have about 20 of them.

~Wilbur Smith

Despite the fact that I spend a lot of time in London, Switzerland and New York, Africa is the place I know and love best, and my heart will always lie here.

~Wilbur Smith

There's nothing so aphrodisiacal for a woman as money and success.

~Wilbur Smith

The best cure for racism is to have somebody shoot at you. Man, it does not matter then what color the arse is that comes to save yours-black or white, you're ready to give it a big fat kiss.

~Wilbur Smith

I grew up in Rhodesia on my father's ranch and every year he used to take us on safari in some remote area of the wilderness.

~Wilbur Smith

I read a lot of biographies and books with an African background.

~Wilbur Smith

I shot my first lion at the age of 14 when a pride threatened my father's livestock while he was away on holiday.

~Wilbur Smith

A cynic had defined aid as simply the system by which poor white people in rich countries gave money to rich black people in poor countries to put into Swiss bank accounts.

~Wilbur Smith

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