

William Gaddis

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Alone*

What's any artist, but the dregs of his work?

~William Gaddis

Stupidity is the deliberate cultivation of ignorance.

~William Gaddis

What's any artist, but the dregs of his work? the human shambles that follows it around. What's left of the man when the work's done but a shambles of apology.

~William Gaddis

Justice? You get justice in the next world, in this world you have the law.

~William Gaddis

Power doesn't corrupt people; people corrupt power.

~William Gaddis

If you want to make a million you don't have to understand money, what you have to understand is people's fears about money

~William Gaddis

How some of the writers I come across get through their books without dying of boredom is beyond me.

~William Gaddis

...mementos of this world, in which the things worth being were so easily exchanged for the things worth having.

~William Gaddis

It is the bliss of childhood that we are being warped most when we know it the least.

~William Gaddis

We're comic. We're all comics. We live in a comic time. And the worse it gets the more comic we are.

~William Gaddis

How real is any of the past, being every moment revalued to make the present possible.

~William Gaddis

If it is not beautiful for someone, it does not exist.

~William Gaddis

He walked out into the cold morning asking himself this heretical question: Can you start measuring a minute at any instant you wish?

~William Gaddis

There is nothing more distressing or tiresome than a writer standing in front of an audience and reading his work.

~William Gaddis

We want someone to bring us the news.

~William Gaddis

I mean why should somebody go steal and break the law to get all they can when there's always some law where you can be legal and get it all anyway!

~William Gaddis

Why do you treat me as they do, as though I were exactly what I want to be. Why do we treat people that way?

~William Gaddis

That's what I can't stand. I know I'll bounce back, and that's what I can't stand.

~William Gaddis

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