

William Least Heat-Moon Quotes

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Somewhere lives a bad Cajun cook, just as somewhere must live one last ivory-billed woodpecker. For me, I don't expect ever to encounter either one.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Be careful going in search of adventure - it's ridiculously easy to find.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Beware thoughts that come in the night.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Instead of insight, maybe all a man gets is strength to wander for a while.

~William Least Heat-Moon

...who can say where a voyage starts - not the the actual passage but the dream of a journey and its urge to find a way?

~William Least Heat-Moon

A true journey, no matter how long the travel takes, has no end.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Without the errors, wrong turns and blind alleys, without the doubling back and misdirection and fumbling and chance discoveries, there was not one bit of joy in walking the labyrinth.

~William Least Heat-Moon

On the old highway maps of America, the main routes were red and the back roads blue. Now even the colors are changing.

~William Least Heat-Moon

The biggest hindrance to learning is fear of showing one's self a fool.

~William Least Heat-Moon

I can't say, over the miles, that I had learned what I had wanted to know because I hadn't known what I wanted to know. But I did learn what I didn't know I wanted to know.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Get out and find ...the country. And ourselves.

~William Least Heat-Moon

There are two kinds of adventurers: those who go truly hoping to find adventure and those who go secretly hoping they won't.

~William Least Heat-Moon

New ways of seeing can disclose new things. But turn the question around. Do new things make for new ways of seeing?

~William Least Heat-Moon

The open road is a beckoning, a strangeness, a place where a man can lose himself.

~William Least Heat-Moon

One of the sweet and expectable aspects of life afloat is the perpetual present moment one lives in and a perception that time is nothing more than the current, an eternal flowing back to the sea.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Beware thoughts that come in the night. They aren't turned properly; they come in askew, free of sense and restriction, deriving from the most remote of sources.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Adventure is putting one's ignorance into motion.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Franchises and chains have come to dominate small communities, but

those same chains have eliminated a lot of the greasy spoons, places you didn't want to eat in the first place.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Instead of insight, maybe all a man gets is strength to wander for a while. Maybe the only gift is a chance to inquire, to know nothing for certain. An inheritance of wonder and nothing more.

~William Least Heat-Moon

A man who couldn't make things go right could at least go. He could quit trying to get out of the way of life. Chuck routine. Live the real jeopardy of circumstance. It was a question of dignity.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Spirit can go anywhere. In fact, it has to go places so it can change and emerge like in the migrations. That's the whole idea.

~William Least Heat-Moon

For me, writing is not a search for explanations but a ramble in quest of what informs a place, a hunt for equivalents.

~William Least Heat-Moon

To say nothing is out here is incorrect; to say the desert is stingy with everything except space and light, stone and earth is closer to the truth.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Boredom lies only with the traveler's limited perception and his failure to explore deeply enough. After a while, I found my perception limited.

~William Least Heat-Moon

I contend that in the kind of nonfiction I write, and that other people also pursue, anything is permissible provided the reader knows what you're taking liberties with.

~William Least Heat-Moon

You never feel better than when you start feeling good after you've been feeling bad.

~William Least Heat-Moon

At the beginning we learn to travel, then we travel to learn.

~William Least Heat-Moon

I like the digressive kind of traveling, where there's not a particular, set, goal.

~William Least Heat-Moon

To an American, land is solidity, goodness, and hope. American history is about land.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Life doesn't happen along interstates. It's against the law.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Memory is each man's own last measure, and for some, the only achievement.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Other than to amuse himself, why should a man pretend to know where he's going or understand what he sees?

~William Least Heat-Moon

Historical awareness is a kind of resurrection.

~William Least Heat-Moon

The thing that overwhelms me when I go out now is the sprawlation of America.

~William Least Heat-Moon

I did learn what I didn't know I wanted to know.

~William Least Heat-Moon

Whoever the last true cowboy in America turns out to be, he's likely to be an Indian.

~William Least Heat-Moon

No yesterdays on the road.

~William Least Heat-Moon

The four horsemen of the prairie are tornado, locust, drought, and fire, and the greatest of these is fire, a rider with two faces because for everything taken, it makes a return in equal measure.

~William Least Heat-Moon

It's difficult to write a book where a character is on virtually every page of the book but you cannot refer to his or her gender. It gets rid of every his, her, she and he.

~William Least Heat-Moon

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