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We read to know that we are not alone.

~William Nicholson

Experience is a brutal teacher, but you learn fast.

~William Nicholson

God creates us free, free to be selfish, but He adds a mechanism that will penetrate our selfishness and wake us up to the presence of others in this world, and that mechanism is called suffering.

~William Nicholson

I am as I am. The world is as it is. Whether I am content with that has very little to do with it.

~William Nicholson

I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time- waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God- it changes me.

~William Nicholson

My study is a converted garage which is largely lined with bookshelves and cardboard boxes filled with manuscripts of my film scripts, plays and books.

~William Nicholson

The English seem to think drinking wine is like committing adultery, something you do rarely and abroad.

~William Nicholson

A well-off plastic surgeon can suffer just as much as an Irish lad who has been abused or whatever.

~William Nicholson

Everyone deserves to be the hero of a novel.

~William Nicholson

Self-sufficiency is the enemy of salvation. If you are self-sufficient, you have no need of God. If you have no need of God, you do not seek Him. If you do not seek Him, you will not find Him.

~William Nicholson

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He accepted what each moment brough him, and never troubled himself with matters that were outside his control.

~William Nicholson

Use your power gently.

~William Nicholson

If you die, I'll die.' 'But is you live, I'll live.' - Bowman and Kestrel, Firesong

~William Nicholson

When I began to write seriously, 40 years ago now, my chosen form was the novel.

~William Nicholson

There are dozens of great American writers who write about the family.

~William Nicholson

There is this notion that the lives of the comfortable-off middle class don't merit being treated seriously and with compassion.

~William Nicholson

Why should I be honored? Don't I have enough attention, comfort and power already?

~William Nicholson

We are the slaves of slaves

~William Nicholson

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