

William T. Vollmann

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Maybe life is a process of trading hopes for memories.

~William T. Vollmann

Can you understand your own dreams, which arise with mushrooms' rank richness in the night-forests within your skull?

~William T. Vollmann

Just for the hell of it, try to love someone as unlike you as possible.

~William T. Vollmann

Death is ordinary. Behold it, subtract its patterns and lessons from those of the death that weapons bring, and maybe the residue will show what violence is.

~William T. Vollmann

When I go train hopping and I look up into the sky, there are always so many more stars than I remember there were.

~William T. Vollmann

At least I hope - that the fiction I've written so far has flaws but has mostly been successful.

~William T. Vollmann

There will come a time when nobody reads my books and no one remembers who I was. And in the meantime, I'll do it my way.

~William T. Vollmann

The instant people specialize, its in their interest to dehumanize the people their specialized function operates upon.

~William T. Vollmann

[Ernest]Hemingway always said, "Write about what you know." I think you can do that, and if you want to write about what you don't know, you can. It just takes a lot more work.

~William T. Vollmann

Death cannot be experienced either by the dead or the living.

~William T. Vollmann

There are parts of L.A. that feel very, very Mexican, and there are weird little enclaves of Northside in Mexico - Cancun for instance. So what is a border?

~William T. Vollmann

I feel like I'm almost ready to write fiction about the border. But even after 10 years of writing nonfiction about it, I don't think I know quite enough to do it right.

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