

# Wright Morris Quotes

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In the blur of the photograph, time leaves its gleaming, snail-like track.

~Wright Morris

The past is useless. That explains why it is past.

~Wright Morris

The camera eye is the one in the middle of our forehead, combining how we see with what there is to be seen.

~Wright Morris

We're in the world of communications more and more, though we're in communication less and less.

~Wright Morris

Writers have an island, a center of refuge, within themselves. It is the mind's anchorage, the soul's Great Good Place.

~Wright Morris

When writing is good, everything is symbolic, but symbolic writing is seldom good.

~Wright Morris

The man who walks alone is soon trailed by the F.B.I.

~Wright Morris

The photograph, after all, is just a photograph. Words will determine its meaning and status.

~Wright Morris

However much [photographs] may lie, they do so with the raw materials of truth.

~Wright Morris

We make to ourselves pictures of facts. The picture is a model of reality

~Wright Morris

As the style of Faulkner grew out of his rage--out of the impotence of his rage--the style of Hemingway grew out of the depth and nuance of his disenchantment.

~Wright Morris

Images proliferate. Am I wrong in being reminded of printing money in a period of wild inflation? Do we know what we are doing? Are we able to evaluate what we have done?

~Wright Morris

[We] make images to see clearly: then we see clearly what we have made.

~Wright Morris

The vast number of photographers, feeding on anything visible, overgraze the landscape the way cattle overgraze their pasture.

~Wright Morris

Cats don't belong to people. They belong to places.

~Wright Morris

Writing has made me rich--not in money but in a couple hundred characters out there, whose pursuits and anguish and triumphs I've shared. I am unspeakably grateful at the life I have come to lead.

~Wright Morris

I prefer a taken to a made photograph.

~Wright Morris

The imagination made us human, but being human, becoming more human, is a greater burden than we imagined. We have no choice but to imagine ourselves more human than we are.

~Wright Morris

Everyone in California is from somewhere else.

~Wright Morris

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