

Moving From Nonfiction to Fiction  
Linda Kay Weber

Quotes for discussion

"The truth is more important than the facts." Frank Lloyd Wright (1869 - 1959)

"In the fiction in the space between/Sometimes a lie is the best thing," sings Tracy Chapman in the song "Telling Stories."

"Thus, in a real sense, I am constantly writing my autobiography, but I have to turn it into fiction in order to give it credibility." Katherine Paterson, "The Spying Heart," 1989. (It's a book about writing for children)

Jon Carroll, SF Chronicle, June 16, 1995: "Writers find it hard to understand the phrase 'real life.' We believe against reason that other writers understand it, and we envy them their comprehension. And then we write fictions telling each other the truth. When the truth is suitable, we tell it. When a lie is more truthful, we tell it. But we always keep an eye on the person behind the curtain." [the reader]

"Good fiction offers more truths than any nonfiction," Linda Kay Weber, August 9, 1995

"Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't." Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

"Truth is more of a stranger than fiction." Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)