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Author Walker Percy relaxes in Covington

An author's observations

On the subject of success at fatherhood, author Walker Percy has this to say: "The truth is, the older I get, the dumber I seem to be."

"I used to be the smartest man in the world" ... a contemplation that eases into a low chuckle.

But the father of two grown daughters does allow that "my

daughters are fairly tolerant of me."

This award-winning author, who lives in Covington, has decided that Father's Day is "a racket to sell ties and belt buckles" and would just as soon not have his family know about it ... well, maybe just a little something:

"By the way," he asks, "when is it, so I'll know when to complain if I don't get anything."