

# Alberto Moravia

## Quotes

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Spite, Needs, Law, Finals, Problem, Wish, Love, May, Soldier, Self, War*

And we all know love is a glass which makes even a monster appear fascinating.

~Alberto Moravia

The ratio of literacy to illiteracy is constant, but nowadays the illiterates can read and write.

~Alberto Moravia

The less one notices happiness, the greater it is.

~Alberto Moravia

It is what we are forced to do that forms our character, not what we do of our own free will.

~Alberto Moravia

Dictatorships are one-way streets. Democracy boasts two-way traffic.

~Alberto Moravia

When you aren't sincere you need to pretend, and by pretending you end up believing yourself; that's the basic principle of every faith.

~Alberto Moravia

I do not foresee a time when I shall feel that I have nothing to say.

~Alberto Moravia

I like to compare my method with that of painters centuries ago, proceeding from layer to layer.

~Alberto Moravia

War has become an affair of machines...and soldiers are little more than clever mechanics.

~Alberto Moravia

The novel as we knew it in the nineteenth century was killed off by

Proust and Joyce.

~Alberto Moravia

I don't think it's possible to write a good novel around a negative personality.

~Alberto Moravia

A writer survives in spite of his beliefs.

~Alberto Moravia

This thought strengthened in me my belief that all men, without exception, deserve to be pitied, if only because they are alive.

~Alberto Moravia

You can't think on purpose about somebody or something. Either you think about them naturally or you don't think at all.

~Alberto Moravia

Good writers are monotonous, like good composers. They keep trying to perfect the one problem they were born to understand.

~Alberto Moravia

Every true writer is like a bird; he repeats the same song, the same theme, all his life. For me, this theme has always been revolt.

~Alberto Moravia

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