

Andrew Motion Quotes

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Have, Heaven, Ordinary, Alive, Imagination, Emotional, Real, Hats, Tea,
Painting, Poet*

I don't want my poems to be sentimental, though I do acknowledge that sentiment is probably rather under-reported in a lot of people's feelings a lot of the time.

~Andrew Motion

Each sudden gust of light explains itself as flames, but neither they, nor even bombs redoubled on the hills tonight can quite include me in their fear.

~Andrew Motion

Poems are a hotline to our hearts, and we forget this emotional power at our peril

~Andrew Motion

But Wordsworth is the poet I admire above all others.

~Andrew Motion

I am a vigilant monarchist. I want to see things evolve. The direction the monarchy seems to be moving in - towards a more mainland-European model - is one I would feel sympathetic about.

~Andrew Motion

Honor the miraculousness of the ordinary.

~Andrew Motion

I write between 5.30am and 9.00. That way, I hope I carry over something from my dream time.

~Andrew Motion

I'm ensuring my place in heaven.

~Andrew Motion

Like a lot of people, for a long time I thought that the road to hell is paved with bad sequels.

~Andrew Motion

But in a lot of ways my poems are very conventional, and it's no big deal for me to write a poem in either free verse or strict form; modern poets can, and do, do both.

~Andrew Motion

I like eating out. I like buying beautiful paintings and being surrounded by beautiful things. I have to finance that life. I can barely afford a pension scheme because I don't make enough money.

~Andrew Motion

But I can't and don't ever want to write bell-yanking confetti-tossing hat-throwing poems.

~Andrew Motion

Jenni Fagan is the real thing, and *The Panopticon* is a real treat: maturely alive to the pains of maturing, and cleverly amused as well as appalled by what it finds in the world.

~Andrew Motion

I shall try to write a poem that is about the moment but doesn't betray things that are true to me as a poet.

~Andrew Motion

I am writing more than I have ever done. My life has come back to me in the most extraordinary way.

~Andrew Motion

I get up at 5.30am, sluice myself and have two Weetabix and some mint tea, before starting to write by 6am.

~Andrew Motion

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