

Anthony Doerr

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Open your eyes and see what you can with them before they close forever.

~Anthony Doerr

Time is a slippery thing: lose hold of it once, and its string might sail out of your hands forever.

~Anthony Doerr

To say a person is a happy person or an unhappy person is ridiculous. We are a thousand different kinds of people every hour.

~Anthony Doerr

So how, children, does the brain, which lives without a spark of light, build for us a world full of light?

~Anthony Doerr

My preference is for prose with more silence in it, language that contains more pockets of strangeness.

~Anthony Doerr

Watching teething babies is like watching over a thermonuclear reactor-it is best done in shifts, by well-rested people.

~Anthony Doerr

It's embarrassingly plain how inadequate language is.

~Anthony Doerr

Anyone who has spent a few nights in a tent during a storm can tell you: The world doesn't care all that much if you live or die.

~Anthony Doerr

Leave home, leave the country, leave the familiar. Only then can routine experience--buying bread, eating vegetables, even saying hello--become new all over again.

~Anthony Doerr

A real diamond is never perfect.

~Anthony Doerr

For me, writing historical fiction is all about finding a balance between reading, traveling, looking, imagining, and dreaming.

~Anthony Doerr

I do fish. I think there is a connection between thinking and fishing mostly because you spend a lot of time up to your waist in water without a whole lot to keep your mind busy.

~Anthony Doerr

Things hardly ever work on the first try. We'll make another, a better one.

~Anthony Doerr

I write reviews of science books for the Boston Globe, so I like to give science books.

~Anthony Doerr

It wasn't until I was 26 or 25 when I started sending work out to magazines.

~Anthony Doerr

Don't you want to be alive before you die?

~Anthony Doerr

I guess you could say I've been writing all my life.

~Anthony Doerr

You bury your childhood here and there. It waits for you, all your life, to come back and dig it up.

~Anthony Doerr

In our memories the stories of our lives defy chronology, resist transcription: past ambushes present, and future hurries into history.

~Anthony Doerr

I've been getting into Nick Drake lately, the folk singer. Sad, gorgeous stuff.

~Anthony Doerr

You don't say, I'm going to be a writer when I grow up - at least I didn't.

~Anthony Doerr

I always told my dad I'd play professional football.

~Anthony Doerr

Travel definitely affects me as a writer.

~Anthony Doerr

I never played inside as a kid - even in the rain I'd go out.

~Anthony Doerr

Only Numbers. Pure math. You have to accustom yourself to thinking that way.

~Anthony Doerr

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