

David Toop

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Being a critic is a terrific method for killing your love of art.

~David Toop

Like a fly bouncing uselessly off a closed window, I'm caught at a moment when the effort of finding new ways to perceive the world feels just out of reach for me.

~David Toop

Sometimes I'd like everybody who is stuck, or lost, or vacant to stay that way and keep silent for as long as it takes, but that's the critic in me talking.

~David Toop

Dub music is like a long echo delay, looping through time...turning the rational musical order into an ocean of sensation.

~David Toop

The longer we live, the more we are obliged to confront the deeper meaning of what it is we do.

~David Toop

I had the idea to do an anthology about instrument-making.

~David Toop

Logically there is nothing new to say about the New. Or maybe it's just a problem of articulating unfamiliar perceptions.

~David Toop

Sound: always in a state of emergence or decay

~David Toop

People don't have to put you in a box. You can have the confidence to move across, and combine and learn from each different practice. They inform each other.

~David Toop

New ideas emerge of their own free will if they are allowed to.

~David Toop

Paul [Burwell] and I had also got interested in making books. We'd been working with Bob Cobbing, the sound poet, since the beginning of the 70s, and Bob had this press called Writers Forum.

~David Toop

I think I was like [a game of] skittles, knocked apart by this wooden ball, and there's a strength to that: you're not too self-conscious about what you're doing, so you're not too worried about it.

~David Toop

If I'd thought, "I can't really play this instrument," I wouldn't have done it! But I didn't care, you know. I didn't care!

~David Toop

I do still have dips of confidence or [can think] everything I do is rubbish.

~David Toop

One of the nicest things is that I still get, very ambiguously, people saying to me, "Oh, I'm just reading your book." And I say, "Which one, for God's sake, I've done six now!" "Oceans of Sound".

~David Toop

One of the things about grief - I wouldn't generalise, because everybody responds to tragedies in different ways - but I had a huge amount of energy.

~David Toop

I needed a huge amount of energy to cope with my life. I had a huge

amount of energy where stuff was concerned: it was as if all this unconscious material had been unleashed.

~David Toop

I don't mean I give the same intensity to everything I do - if I did that, I'd be dead, but I'm very conscious, I make notes, and I have a fairly good idea of what's happening in my life.

~David Toop

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