

# Don Roff Quotes

*Writing, People, Character, Sometimes, Ice Cream, Rays, Journey, Everyday,  
Running, Heart, Talking, Fiction, Recipes, Surround Yourself, Time, Feet, Art,  
Naked, Fear, Efficiency*

It's my belief that people enter your life at exactly the right time.

~Don Roff

But people in a small town tend to do a lot of talking, even when they don't know what they're talking about.

~Don Roff

Nothing says work efficiency like panic mode.

~Don Roff

A day of bad writing is always better than a day of no writing.

~Don Roff

The recipe for great art has always been misery and a good bowel movement.

~Don Roff

Any conversation including the mention of Roald Dahl, Ray Bradbury, or Emily Dickinson is one worth getting into or at least eavesdropping.

~Don Roff

Nothing's a better cure for writer's block than to eat ice cream right out of the carton.

~Don Roff

A writer always writes.

~Don Roff

If you treat your characters like people, they'll reward you by being fully developed individuals.

~Don Roff

Always mystify, torture, mislead, and surprise the audience as much as possible.

~Don Roff

Writers often torture themselves trying to get the words right. Sometimes you must lower your expectations and just finish it.

~Don Roff

There is no right or wrong way to write a novel. Each journey is different for every individual work and for every writer. The first error is never to begin; the second is never to finish.

~Don Roff

Regarding the creative: never assume you're the master, only the student. Your audience will determine if you're masterful.

~Don Roff

Always work with/surround yourself with people who help make you a better version of you. Kindly avoid those who don't.

~Don Roff

When you print out your manuscript and read it, marking up with a pen, it sometimes feels like a criminal returning to the scene of a crime.

~Don Roff

Fear and self-doubt are the deadly enemies of creativity. Don't invite either into your mind.

~Don Roff

Love it when a compelling new character kicks open your mental door, tracks mud across your brain, and props their feet up on your cerebrum.

~Don Roff

Write about the thing that scares you most or your most private confession and you'll never have a problem coming up with decent

fiction.

~Don Roff

Authors must spend months, years making fantasy believable in a single work while reality runs rampant and complete chaos elsewhere.

~Don Roff

Writing a story, regardless of length, begins always with a single word.

~Don Roff

It's hard to land a devastating jab/cross/hook/uppercut combo to your reader's imagination when you're telegraphing your punches.

~Don Roff

When you're writing what you love, it's the most fun you can have with your clothing still on, unless of course, you write naked.

~Don Roff

A migraine is the cockblock of writing.

~Don Roff

You can be a writer who doesn't read everyday. But you're not fooling anyone. It shows, rather embarrassingly, in your work.

~Don Roff

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