

Garth Stein

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Somewhere, the zebra is dancing.

~Garth Stein

Very gently. Like there are eggshells on your pedals, and you don't want to break them. That's how you drive in the rain.

~Garth Stein

The human language, as precise as it is with its thousands of words, can still be so wonderfully vague.

~Garth Stein

That which we manifest is before us; we are the creators of our own destiny. Be it through intention or ignorance, our successes and our failures have been brought on by none other than ourselves.

~Garth Stein

You should shine with all of your light all the time.

~Garth Stein

That which is around me does not affect my mood; my mood affects that which is around me.

~Garth Stein

There is no dishonor in losing the race. There is only dishonor in not racing because you are afraid to lose.

~Garth Stein

This is a rule of racing: No race has ever been won in the first corner; many have been lost there.

~Garth Stein

We too, must shatter the mirrors. We must look in to ourselves and root out the distortions until that thing which we know in our hearts is perfect and true, stands before us.

~Garth Stein

Racing is about discipline and intelligence, not about who has the heavier foot. The one who drives smart will always win in the end.

~Garth Stein

He died that day because his body had served its purpose. His soul had done what it came to do, learned what it came to learn, and then was free to leave.

~Garth Stein

We are the creators of our own destiny.

~Garth Stein

To live every day as if it had been stolen from death, that is how I would like to live.

~Garth Stein

In documentary films, you're a storyteller using found objects. You still have to have a story arc and all the elements that make a good story. It really helped me mature as a storyteller.

~Garth Stein

I hear hundreds of years of life. I hear wind and rain and fire and beetles. I hear the seasons changing and birds and squirrels. I hear the life of the trees this wood came from.

~Garth Stein

It makes one realize that the physicality of our world is a boundary to us only if our will is weak; a true champion can accomplish things that a normal person would think impossible.

~Garth Stein

People speak of a will to live. They rarely speak of a will to die.

Because people are afraid of death. Death is dark and unknown and frightening. But not for me. It is not the end.

~Garth Stein

People, like dogs, love repetition. Chasing a ball, lapping a course in a race car, sliding down a slide. Because as much as each incident is similar, so it is different.

~Garth Stein

The car goes where the eyes go.

~Garth Stein

That which we manifest is before us.

~Garth Stein

We are all afforded our physical existence so we can learn about ourselves.

~Garth Stein

But what is worse, smelling the roast and not feasting, or not smelling the roast at all?

~Garth Stein

The true hero is flawed. The true test of a champion is not whether he can triumph, but whether he can overcome obstacles - preferably of his own making - in order to triumph.

~Garth Stein

[T]he race is long - to finish first, first you must finish.

~Garth Stein

The first time I saw you,' he says, 'I knew we belonged together.

~Garth Stein

People and their rituals. They cling to things so hard sometimes.

~Garth Stein

We had a good run, and now it's over; what's wrong with that?

~Garth Stein

She was my rain. She was my unpredictable element. She was my fear. But a racer should not be afraid of rain; a racer should embrace the rain.

~Garth Stein

Sometimes I believe...Sometimes I really do believe.

~Garth Stein

Yet for every peak there is a valley.

~Garth Stein

So much of language is unspoken. So much of language is compromised of looks and gestures and sounds that are not words. People are ignorant of the vast complexity of their own communication.

~Garth Stein

Those monkey-thumbs were meant for dogs. Give me my thumbs, you fu**ing monkeys!

~Garth Stein

The race is long. It is better to drive within oneself and finish the race behind the other than it is to drive too hard and crash.

~Garth Stein

My soul has learned what it came to learn, and all the other things are just things. We can't have everything we want. Sometimes, we simply have to believe.

~Garth Stein

Gestures are all that I have; sometimes they must be grand in nature.

~Garth Stein

What I want now is what I've always wanted.

~Garth Stein

Any problems that may occur have ultimately been caused by you, because you are responsible for where you are and what you are doing there.

~Garth Stein

The visible becomes inevitable.

~Garth Stein

...you have to reach for things beyond your grasp, or what is heaven for

~Garth Stein

The full moon rises. The fog clings to the lowest branches of the spruce trees. The man steps out of the darkest corner of the forest and finds himself transformed into... A monkey? I think not.

~Garth Stein

Your car goes where your eyes go. Loneliness is unable to survive without a willing host.

~Garth Stein

And I wonder: Have I squandered my dogness? Have I forsaken my nature for my desires? Have I made a mistake by anticipating my future and shunning my present?

~Garth Stein

[M]emory is time folding back on itself. To remember is to disengage from the present.

~Garth Stein

Using a dog as a narrator has limitations and it has advantages. The limitations are that a dog cannot speak. A dog has no thumbs. A dog can't communicate his thoughts except with gestures.

~Garth Stein

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If I went to someone for therapy, I wouldn't be a writer...I would just be well adjusted.

~Garth Stein

I know in this time of great technological advancement, the idea of reading a book seems almost anachronistic, but I think it's worth preserving.

~Garth Stein

I gotta be honest with you...I hate numbers. I hate chapter numbers. I hate them.

~Garth Stein

I'll give you a theory: Man's closest relative is not the chimpanzee, as the TV people believe, but is, in fact, the dog.

~Garth Stein

Because memory is time folding back on itself. To remember is to disengage from the present. In order to reach any kind of success in automobile racing, a driver must never remember.

~Garth Stein

That which you manifest is before you. The visible becomes inevitable. Your car goes where your eyes go.

~Garth Stein

It's so hard to communicate because there are so many moving parts. There's presentation and there's interpretation and they're so dependent on each other it makes things very difficult.

~Garth Stein

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