

# George Pelecanos

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Poverty, Doors, Play, Taken, Law, Attitude, Winning, Stories, Racism, Country,  
Heart*

The thirst for knowledge is like a piece of ass you know you shouldn't chase; in the end, you chase it just the same.

~George Pelecanos

If the storytellers told it true, all stories would end in death.

~George Pelecanos

The crime part is the engine that moves the narrative and allows me to write the other things I want to write about.

~George Pelecanos

Any time you have poverty, joblessness, sub-par public schools, and a lack of opportunity, you're going to have a high rate of crime.

~George Pelecanos

We get schooled by the people around us, and it stays inside us deep.

~George Pelecanos

I'm a better writer now because I've worked very hard at getting better. My long-range goal will always be to write better books.

~George Pelecanos

I'm proud to be a crime novelist. What I've chosen is the best way to convey the questions I'm trying to raise.

~George Pelecanos

I live in a blue-collar neighborhood, and if anyone knows what I do for a living, they don't seem to care.

~George Pelecanos

The Next Right Thing has humanity, humor, and insight to burn. Author Dan Barden takes the clay of the California hard-boiled novel and shapes it into something new.

~George Pelecanos

Top-shelf fiction, a Crown Royal ride into the heart of Night and New York. Con Lehane's work is reminiscent of the best of Lawrence Sanders, which is to say that this is very good stuff, indeed.

~George Pelecanos

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