

Hubert Selby, Jr.

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Eventually we all have to accept full and total responsibility for our actions, everything we have done, and have not done.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

He didnt know what was defeating him, but he sensed it was something he could not cope with, something that was far beyond his power to control or even at this point in time comprehend.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

There's a sorrow and pain in everyone's life, but every now and then there's a ray of light that melts the loneliness in your heart and brings comfort like hot soup and a soft bed.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

But to believe that getting stuff is the purpose and aim of life is madness.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I knew the alphabet. Maybe I could be a writer.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

No matter how beautiful the outside may be, the inside still has feelings and needs that just words don't fulfill.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

Everything about it was wrong. Thats why it worked so good.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

The responsibility of the artist is to transcend the human ego.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

Life was not longer something to endure, but to live.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

For weeks Tyrone thought he was going to die any minute, and there were also times when he was afraid he wasn't going to die.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

But you can't shut everyone out. I mean you have to have someone to love. . . someone to hold on to. . . someone--

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

It seems to me that what the artist sees is the simple and obvious that is invisible to everybody else.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

That's why you can't be worried about the world. They'll just do you in anyway. You can't depend on them because sooner or later they'll turn on you or just disappear and leave you there alone.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

One of the things I have become aware of through the years is how much I love the people I write about.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

However they may have felt when they left they were now committed, they had passed the point of no return.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I suspect there will never be a requiem for a dream, simply because it will destroy us before we have the opportunity to mourn its passing.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

But I knew that someday I was going to die. And just before I died two things would happen; Number 1: I would regret my entire life. Number 2: I would want to live my life over again.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

There are a lot of people in this country who really like my writing. And a lot of writers respect me. But the so-called establishment? They hate me.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

Writing, like any art, is a continuing process of discovering the infinite possibilities of Life.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

All the energy of their frustration and fear going into their laughter.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

...and he just sat back and stared at the tube, almost interested in what was happening, trying to find the ability to believe in that lie so he could believe the one within.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

Be careful of things like alcohol and drugs.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

The resistance and the degree of the resistance to the natural phenomenon of life causes tremendous suffering.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

An extraordinary writer....It is the vastness of Nick Tosches' heart that makes it possible to reveal the darkness.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

My writing is inspired by just about everything, yet I am unaware of so much of the process.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

... I started to die 36 hours before I was born, so dying was a way of life for me.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I have rituals for cleaning out resentments, disappointments, heartbreak, depression and for work. One of the things I do is go over old stuff if I have been unable to write for a while.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I've always felt alienated. I realized that I've been terrified my entire life. So I can identify that fear which drives so many of the people that I write about.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

We all need a meaning to our life.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I have to have a meaning in my life. If I roam around without some meaning in my life, I'm in deep and serious trouble. I can't, I just can't exist.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I'm focusing on writing the best story I can write. Which means I'm doing everything I can to give the artist within me as much power as possible.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I'm always presenting myself with problems to solve as a writer.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I don't know how to make the critics happy!

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

I think Mozart, like you, is an example of someone who has the gods moving through him, and his religion was creation.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

As Lao Tzu says, "The Tao that can be named is not the true Tao".

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

People in Germany are very, very responsive to the readings.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

One of the things that fascinates me is the music of speech.

~Hubert Selby, Jr.

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