

Joe Haldeman Quotes

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Bad books on writing tell you to "WRITE WHAT YOU KNOW", a solemn and totally false adage that is the reason there exist so many mediocre novels about English professors contemplating adultery.

~Joe Haldeman

Rationalism doesn't require "belief," only observation. The real, measurable world doesn't care what you believe.

~Joe Haldeman

Tonight we're going to show you eight silent ways to kill a man.

~Joe Haldeman

The worst advice a young writer can get is "Write what you know." Imagination is more important than experience.

~Joe Haldeman

All experience is memory, and so everything you write about is from memory-unless you're writing about typing.

~Joe Haldeman

A good sign that an army has been around too long is that it starts getting top-heavy with officers.

~Joe Haldeman

Maybe war is an inevitable product of human nature. Maybe to get rid of war, we have to become something other than human.

~Joe Haldeman

There's no such thing as writing about the future. The future hasn't happened yet.

~Joe Haldeman

Doctors don't seem to realize that most of us are perfectly content not having to visualize ourselves as animated bags of skin filled with

obscene glop.

~Joe Haldeman

Big money seeks out the company of its own, for purposes of reproduction.

~Joe Haldeman

Writer's block? Don't worry about it. Either it goes away or you die.

~Joe Haldeman

[Spielberg and I] had a disagreement over what God was....He thought God was Stephen Spielberg, but that thought had never occurred to me.

~Joe Haldeman

Don't 'write what you know.' Make up something new!

~Joe Haldeman

Relativity propped it up, at least gave it the illusion of being thereâ€the way all reality becomes illusory and observer-oriented when you study general relativity. Or Buddhism. Or get drafted.

~Joe Haldeman

I have always valued quiet, and the eternity of it that I face is no more dreadful than the eternity of quiet that preceded my birth.

~Joe Haldeman

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