

John Shelton Reed Quotes

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Southern barbecue is the closest thing we have in the US to Europe's wines or cheeses; drive a hundred miles and the barbecue changes.

~John Shelton Reed

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Barbecue is the third rail of North Carolina politics.

~John Shelton Reed

Every time I look at Atlanta I see what a quarter of a million Confederate soldiers died to prevent.

~John Shelton Reed

I don't think massification and globalization and all those other 'izations' are necessarily hostile to regionalism.

~John Shelton Reed

The nature of the South is changing faster than the stereotypes are. Much of the South now looks like San Jose. Is it still southern?

~John Shelton Reed

Southerners smile more than other Americans.

~John Shelton Reed

Why can I write 'South' with some assurance that you'll know I mean Richmond and don't mean Phoenix? What is it that the South's boundaries enclose?

~John Shelton Reed

If you care to define the South as a poor, rural region with lousy race relations, that South survives only in geographical shreds and patches and most Southerners don't live there any more.

~John Shelton Reed

Any Southern nationalist movement, especially one that wraps itself in the Confederate flag, is going to be viewed with suspicion, given the historical record.

~John Shelton Reed

Dixie has just fallen to pieces. There are little patches of Dixie. But even in the heart of Dixie - in Alabama - Dixie is slipping. They've stopped using the word in commercial listings.

~John Shelton Reed

But I still do believe that there are useful things to say about Elvis Presley, including what his own ordinariness as a poor Southerner says about 20th-century hero-making.

~John Shelton Reed

As long as there are Japanese tourists, there will be a market for the Old South.

~John Shelton Reed

Country music historically has been sort of middle-aged people's music.

~John Shelton Reed

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