

Joshua Ferris

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I know what to do with my life. I just don't know what to do with this one night.

~Joshua Ferris

To conform is to lose your soul

~Joshua Ferris

All broken hearts are circumstantial. Every lovelorn jerk is the victim of bad timing, good intentions, and someone else's poor decision making.

~Joshua Ferris

It is forgivable to say nothing out of ignorance; it's inexcusable to remain silent once awareness dawns.

~Joshua Ferris

I think it's a very bad idea for someone to start writing for a readership.

~Joshua Ferris

We suffered failures of imagination just like everyone else, our daring was wanting, and our daily contentment too nearly adequate for us to give it up.

~Joshua Ferris

We're no longer dealing in the world of the real in a truthful way. We're interacting with each other in shiny homepages. I don't think that makes for honest communication.

~Joshua Ferris

The main questions of everyday life are too enormous to answer in any definitive sense.

~Joshua Ferris

I wake up every day in order to do something that's quixotic, and not necessarily called for in the world, but I do it because there's

extraordinary meaning for me behind the effort.

~Joshua Ferris

My first job is to write a book that I believe is compelling and deserves the long sustained attention that any novel requires, and to worry about the commerce only late in the game.

~Joshua Ferris

Everyone desires relationships and community. Most people want to belong to a cohesive, like-minded group. It staves off loneliness. It promotes identity. These are natural and very human instincts.

~Joshua Ferris

We told him to get on with it. We liked wasting time, but almost nothing was more annoying than having our wasted time wasted on something not worth wasting it on.

~Joshua Ferris

Without work, so much of one's identity just evaporates.

~Joshua Ferris

We had the great good fortune and shortcomings of character that marked every generation that had never seen war.

~Joshua Ferris

We were fractious and overpaid. Our mornings lacked promise. At least those of us who smoked had something to look forward to at ten-fifteen.

~Joshua Ferris

A multifaceted writer, very easy on the surface to pin down but incredibly difficult once you actually read him with any depth.

~Joshua Ferris

A dentist is only half the doctor he claims to be.

~Joshua Ferris

Everything was always something but something - and here was the rub - could never be everything.

~Joshua Ferris

I come from a very illustrious line of divorces. We love to get divorced in my family. My mother and father have been married four times each - eight ceremonies with the best of intentions.

~Joshua Ferris

I've always thought things were absurd. It would take a lot more effort for me to see things as reasonable.

~Joshua Ferris

You think I alienate myself from society? Of course I alienate myself from society. It's the only way I know of not being constantly reminded of all the ways I'm alienated from society.

~Joshua Ferris

That's one of the things about comedy - I think it works best when it's contextualized, as opposed to kind of an island of cleverness.

~Joshua Ferris

Being serious is serious business in fiction. It's commercial or hoi polloi in fiction to be funny. It's too accessible to the great unwashed.

~Joshua Ferris

One thing that I discovered about myself is I really don't like traveling. I feel like it's a terrible personal failing, but I was so satisfied to arrive at the conclusion.

~Joshua Ferris

Humor is a very big part of life, and if you exclude humor from your book, you're not capturing a very important part of human experience.

~Joshua Ferris

We loved killing time and had perfected several ways of doing so. We wandered the hallways carrying papers that indicated some mission of business when in reality we were in search of free candy.

~Joshua Ferris

If you can get by with quotes from The Godfather and nothing you say matters, that's pretty bleak, don't you think? Don't we want what we say to matter?

~Joshua Ferris

We found ourselves wanting to hurry time along, which was not in the long run good for our health. Everybody was trapped in this contradiction but nobody ever dared to articulate it.

~Joshua Ferris

It is really irritating to work with irritating people

~Joshua Ferris

I have never stopped considering not becoming a writer.

~Joshua Ferris

Things could be worse and things could be so much better.

~Joshua Ferris

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