

Joshua Mohr

Quotes

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Jobs, Past, Tunnels, Pages, Struggle, Needs, Tomorrow, Pain, Brilliant,
Challenges*

No matter what we've done, no matter the disappointments and sullied blunders, today is the opportunity to do right by ourselves.

~Joshua Mohr

We have today and hopefully tomorrow to be the best version of ourselves.

~Joshua Mohr

My tunnel vision allows me to have a longer work day than most writers. I'm thankful for that.

~Joshua Mohr

In my life the right question is simply this: What can I do to be happy today?

~Joshua Mohr

Self-respect doesn't come naturally to me. I need to constantly remind myself and do the work to err on the side of self-respect, rather than self-punishment.

~Joshua Mohr

I struggle with staying clean every day, and what really keeps me from doing something stupid is my daughter.

~Joshua Mohr

I want to be the kind of adult that keeps learning. I want to always be open to new experiences.

~Joshua Mohr

I'm not a gamer. But I am very aware of the escapism of drugs. In my mind those kind of do the same thing. They dull us to the aches and pains of our status quo.

~Joshua Mohr

The more we're doing to ensure we're following our joy and passion, that's when we really start to put the gas in our lives.

~Joshua Mohr

I always joke that every novel is really about the same thing: one person's struggle against society.

~Joshua Mohr

I'm a very tactile learner, so I need analog index cards, moving them all about, trying out various sequences for the book's architecture.

~Joshua Mohr

I always wished to be a better planner. It seems more elegant, while my trial and error process is more akin to someone scratching an awful case of poison oak.

~Joshua Mohr

It was important to buy into the fact that the nine hundred pages an end-reader never sees are just as valuable as the ones that are bound and placed on the shelf.

~Joshua Mohr

I like art that trusts its audience, that's written for readers who like to work hard. I like art that knows its readers are up to the challenge of interacting with difficult material.

~Joshua Mohr

For the book to succeed, it has to have equal parts ugliness and beauty, counterpoints adding up to emotional complexity. To me, there's a dignity in letting your art be emotionally complex.

~Joshua Mohr

My musical sensibilities were formed around punk rock, that quintessential dilution of an art that's both ugly and lovely at the same

time.

~Joshua Mohr

If Dante was writing The Divine Comedy in 2013, he might very well have set part of it in the suburbs.

~Joshua Mohr

Memoirs need confusion. It's the thing every human has in common. We are magnificently confused.

~Joshua Mohr

My job as the novelist is to present the whole case, then the reader gets to render her verdict.

~Joshua Mohr

I used to consider myself to be a cineophile, and then I had a daughter. Ha! Now I barely see any movies.

~Joshua Mohr

It's important to write like your readers are brilliant.

~Joshua Mohr

I always feel that as the author, once I know what a character is ashamed of, then I can go about making her truthful on the page.

~Joshua Mohr

I'm a semi-failed writer, but I'm a capital-F Failed musician.

~Joshua Mohr

I just thought it was important that people knew right from the jump that I've got problems. But in all seriousness, that's a huge part of my writing process.

~Joshua Mohr

Today is going to be free of the past. Today, the past can't hurt me.

~Joshua Mohr

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