

Lauren Groff

Quotes

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As a person, I do ascribe to a lot of magical thinking myself.

~Lauren Groff

In the end, fiction is the craft of telling truth through lies.

~Lauren Groff

While writing, writers are living inside a character or characters, and when the book ekes into the world, writers are living inside the reader. That's more than connecting.

~Lauren Groff

Amor animi arbitrio sumitu, non ponitur; we choose to love; we do not choose to cease loving.

~Lauren Groff

Who, in the midst of passion, is vigilant against illness? Who listens to the reports of recently decimated populations in Spain, India, Bora Bora, when new lips, tongues and poems fill the world?

~Lauren Groff

If there's a black cat that crosses the street in my path, I will turn around and walk 20 minutes out of my way to not cross it.

~Lauren Groff

Sex is a good starting point for everything.

~Lauren Groff

As soon as you publish a book and the reader reads it, they're making an extension of your brain with their brain.

~Lauren Groff

I'm kind of a control freak. But there are others like me.

~Lauren Groff

When I write new worlds, I work in layers, building and throwing out, and building anew.

~Lauren Groff

I've always relied on producing more material than I need. With each of my published novels I've written around four times the amount of material that's ended up in the book.

~Lauren Groff

Even the presence of my kids cannot, during those writing hours, disturb me. Unless there's a bone sticking out of their arm, I'm not interested.

~Lauren Groff

I want to be identified as a writer, not a Southern writer, not a woman writer, not a woman from this or that place, but unfortunately it doesn't always happen.

~Lauren Groff

The gender inequality in book reviewing isn't getting better. Male authors get the majority of review coverage, and male reviewers do most of the reviewing. It's kind of devastating.

~Lauren Groff

I see ghosts everywhere, and that is partially a function of my being incredibly near-sighted and reading way too late into the night.

~Lauren Groff

We need the skeletons of other stories to understand our own, sometimes.

~Lauren Groff

I won't walk under scaffolding or under ladders. I wear things like a baseball player wears things that are supposed to have luck. I am

superstitious about everything.

~Lauren Groff

It's wonderful that nothing you write is ever going to be as beautiful as what's in your head, because that gap is where the art can enter and begin to stretch its limbs.

~Lauren Groff

I've never wanted to chuck my mortgage, drop the kids off at their grandparents' and run gloriously naked in fields of flax.

~Lauren Groff

If you look at communal experiments in general for any amount of time, you'll find a lot of horrors: raped children, sexual slavery, eugenics experiments, on and on.

~Lauren Groff

In terms of writing, I think what most fiction writers treasure more than anything is the feeling that they're living for the length of a book inside another person.

~Lauren Groff

My childhood was as conventional as you could get.

~Lauren Groff

Song: Heloise and Abelard by Elizabeth Devlin. Beyond the a propos subject matter, this lady can really play the Autoharp. This song sounds like something you'd find on a gramophone record.

~Lauren Groff

You had to pick up a landline to make sure your best friend wore a matching outfit to school. I do remember people talking more. Nostalgia is dangerous, though.

~Lauren Groff

But I've married a deeply sensible person who is extremely good at talking me down from my various ledges, and who takes care of me in a billion ways.

~Lauren Groff

At least in my case, a very simple, regular, happy life makes for better writing.

~Lauren Groff

It seems to me that if you were to take almost any half-century in history, you'd find a grand societal tug-of-war between the community and the individual.

~Lauren Groff

I see history as really cyclical in terms of the intense idealism, and the desire to create a better life outside of societal norms.

~Lauren Groff

Everything is cyclical. Historical eras go through times of intense cynicism, broken by periods of intense idealism.

~Lauren Groff

Depressing thought: my friends were the girls I ate lunch with, all buddies from kindergarten who knew one another so well we weren't sure if we even liked one another anymore.

~Lauren Groff

Freedom or community, community or freedom. One must decide the way one wants to live. I chose community.

~Lauren Groff

I think that writers have natural canvases, and my canvas, even in short stories, often seems to be the scope of a life.

~Lauren Groff

I love writing from enclosed spaces: you really learn about your characters when they have tight walls to push against.

~Lauren Groff

Our human impulse is to control everything, but fiction seems to me to be about allowing an element of mystery into the text.

~Lauren Groff

Sometimes you have to let time carry you past your troubles.

~Lauren Groff

I'm a private person, a shy person. Sometimes, reading for eleven hours straight feels to me like the perfect way to spend a day.

~Lauren Groff

I love Twitter. It's like having a closet full of clever friends that you can visit twice a day, then shove back into the darkness when you're tired of them.

~Lauren Groff

A lot of my work comes from a place of despair or fear. I often write in order to gain some sort of control over aspects of my life or the world that seem too dark to look at directly.

~Lauren Groff

The triumph of writing fiction is that by doing so, writers can build a more ideal world in themselves.

~Lauren Groff

I have a feeling that books are a lot like people - they change as you age, so that some books that you hated in high school will strike you with the force of a revelation when you're older.

~Lauren Groff

I try not to think too much or be too impatient, and let the back of my brain do its mysterious work.

~Lauren Groff

Writing is the lonely sport of sad sacks.

~Lauren Groff

I'm a physical learner. I learn from writing drafts, not reading them.

~Lauren Groff

Writing by hand is a way of letting mystery into my writing. But I'm constantly trying to figure out how to do this job. It's a work in progress.

~Lauren Groff

I'm always hungry for people.

~Lauren Groff

It's not easy to make friends when you're an adult writer outside of academia, especially when you work alone in a little room for twelve hours a day, and so I wrote toward what I most longed for.

~Lauren Groff

In this moment that blooms and fades as it passes, he is enough, and all is well in the world.

~Lauren Groff

I'm a writer, not an actor. I want to write rather than perform. I'm looking forward to disappearing for a while.

~Lauren Groff

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