

Lawrence Block Quotes

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Serendipity. Look for something, find something else, and realize that what you've found is more suited to your needs than what you thought you were looking for.

~Lawrence Block

Our happiest moments as tourists always seem to come when we stumble upon one thing while in pursuit of something else.

~Lawrence Block

The less attention I pay to what people want and the more attention I pay to just writing the book I want to write, the better I do.

~Lawrence Block

Ideas come to people who are receptive to them.

~Lawrence Block

It's the easiest thing in the world to know God's will. You just wait and see what happens, and that's it.

~Lawrence Block

If you cannot stand a spoon upright in the cup, then the coffee is too weak.

~Lawrence Block

As my late mother famously observed, the one thing to be said for growing old is that every year there are a few more things I don't have to give a rat's ass about.

~Lawrence Block

I can't persuade myself that one of the problems facing the planet today might be a shortage of books by me.

~Lawrence Block

Every year there's a few more things I'm not sure of. I've decided that a

wide-ranging uncertainty is the mark of the true maturity of man.

~Lawrence Block

I never know what I'm going to write next, and when I think I do I usually turn out to be mistaken.

~Lawrence Block

Why on earth should I care whether people read me with their eyes or their ears?

~Lawrence Block

One aspect of serendipity to bear in mind is that you have to be looking for something in order to find something else.

~Lawrence Block

Something I learned long ago. It is not necessary to know what a person is afraid of. It is enough to know the person is afraid.

~Lawrence Block

When you get older, keeping the private stuff private seems less important.

~Lawrence Block

People don't get to change things. Things change people once in a while, but people don't change things.

~Lawrence Block

I wouldn't presume to define noir - if we could define it, we wouldn't need to use a French word for it - but it seems to me it's more a way of looking at the world than what one sees.

~Lawrence Block

Stories are like assholes. Everybody's got one and most of 'em stink.

~Lawrence Block

And, as long as you can make yourself go on choosing the pain over the relief, you can keep going.

~Lawrence Block

To say I drank my way into marriage isn't much of an exaggeration, and it's none at all to say I drank my way out of it.

~Lawrence Block

If you build a better mousetrap, Nature will build a better mouse.

~Lawrence Block

As a friend of mine, herself a writer, says, 'People who spend the most meaningful hours of their lives in the exclusive company of imaginary people are apt to be a little strange'

~Lawrence Block

If you want to write fiction, the best thing you can do is take two aspirins, lie down in a dark room, and wait for the feeling to pass.

~Lawrence Block

Dangerous thing, giving humanity the knowledge of good and evil. And the capacity to make the wrong choice more often than not.

~Lawrence Block

I haven't got anything against cats. I haven't got anything against elk either, but that doesn't mean I'm going to keep one in the store so I'll have a place to hang my hat.

~Lawrence Block

The short story, I should point out, is perforce a labor of love in today's literary world; there's precious little economic incentive to write one.

~Lawrence Block

Man, I so sick of dinosaurs. They wasn't extinct, I'd go out an' kill 'em

myself.

~Lawrence Block

New York is an ugly city, a dirty city... But there is one thing about it. Once you have lived in New York and it has become your home, no place else is good enough.

~Lawrence Block

I don't plan an awful lot in life just as I don't plan an awful lot in my fiction.

~Lawrence Block

Asking me why I did or didn't do anything is generally pointless. How do I know? And asking me what I'll do in the future is even less rewarding.

~Lawrence Block

I don't know about the rest of the country but in New York more people have learned anonymity from rent control than ever discovered it in a twelve-step program.

~Lawrence Block

Back then, before it became clear that democracy was best served by a drunken electorate, the bars in New York City were required to close on Election Day.

~Lawrence Block

Everybody's weird, fundamentally everybody is a snap. Sometimes it's a sexual thing and sometimes it's a different kind of weirdness, but one way or another everybody's nuts.

~Lawrence Block

I've always essentially been a New Yorker.

~Lawrence Block

I've tried writing and the sentences come out fine, but I write a few pages and I don't want to go on.

~Lawrence Block

Booze and tobacco and lots of sex. It keeps a lad young.

~Lawrence Block

If fate sends you a lemon, use it to make lemonade.

~Lawrence Block

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