

Leslie Fiedler

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There are things in American culture that want to wipe the class distinction. Blue jeans. Ready-made clothes. Coca-Cola.

~Leslie Fiedler

Henry Miller wrote novels, but he calls his protagonist Henry, often Henry Miller, and his books are in this gray area between memoir and novel.

~Leslie Fiedler

I long for the raised voice, the howl of rage or love.

~Leslie Fiedler

I think the pattern of my essays is, A funny thing happened to me on my way through Finnegans Wake.

~Leslie Fiedler

Gertrude Stein really thought of Hemingway as frail. He almost married Stein.

~Leslie Fiedler

The text is merely one of the contexts of a piece of literature, its lexical or verbal one, no more or less important than the sociological, psychological, historical, anthropological or generic.

~Leslie Fiedler

Raymond Carver is good. I think he'll be appreciated more and more. He's an easy writer to imitate.

~Leslie Fiedler

I have, I admit, a low tolerance for detached chronicling and cool analysis.

~Leslie Fiedler

The black situation has changed. They finally realized they're

Americans.

~Leslie Fiedler

I liked Camille Paglia. I liked her even better when I heard her talk.

~Leslie Fiedler

All good criticism should be judged the way art is. You shouldn't read it the way you read history or science.

~Leslie Fiedler

Faulkner sat in our living room and read from *Light in August*. That was incredible.

~Leslie Fiedler

My assignment is what every writer's assignment is: tell the truth of his own time.

~Leslie Fiedler

When all of us are forgotten, people will still be remembering Stephen King.

~Leslie Fiedler

Anybody in the next centuries wanting to know what it was like to be a poet in the middle of the 20th century should read *Kaddish*.

~Leslie Fiedler

The novel doesn't come into existence until certain methods of reproducing fiction come along.

~Leslie Fiedler

Foucault was the one person I met in France that I could talk to. He was a mensch. You know whether you agree with him or not because you know what he is saying.

~Leslie Fiedler

I never met anybody in my life who says, I want to be a critic. People want to be a fireman, poet, novelist.

~Leslie Fiedler

I like that people who are not experts can not only understand but get engaged by my work. I like that Joe Paterno can read me. Bill Bradley.

~Leslie Fiedler

The reason Saul Bellow doesn't talk to me anymore is because he knows his new novels are not worth reading.

~Leslie Fiedler

DeLillo never seems committed to me to what he is writing. Very nice surfaces, but he's got nothing underneath.

~Leslie Fiedler

I admire Ginsberg as a poet, despite the fact that he seems not to know when he is being good and when he is bad. But he will last, or at least those poems will last.

~Leslie Fiedler

It's so wrong when I pick up a new edition of Huckleberry Finn and I look at the last page and it doesn't say, Yours truly, at the end.

~Leslie Fiedler

Faulkner turned out to be a great teacher. When a student asked a question ineptly, he answered the question with what the student had really wanted to know.

~Leslie Fiedler

It's funny to be a critic.

~Leslie Fiedler

Jane Austen is at the end of the line that begins with Samuel

Richardson, which takes wonder and magic out of the novel, treats not the past but the present.

~Leslie Fiedler

Hemingway seems to be in a funny position. People nowadays can't identify with him closely as a member of their own generation, and he isn't yet historical.

~Leslie Fiedler

One more recent novelist to come along is Cormac McCarthy. Him, I like.

~Leslie Fiedler

I've had a tough time with Pynchon. I liked him very much when I first read him. I liked him less with each book. He got denser and more complex in a way that didn't really pay off.

~Leslie Fiedler

Saul Bellow never took my advice when he was my friend.

~Leslie Fiedler

I gave up writing blurbs because you make one friend and 200 enemies.

~Leslie Fiedler

If there's one thing I can't stand, it's somebody doing something because I pushed them in that direction.

~Leslie Fiedler

When somebody asks me what I do, I don't think I'd say critic. I say writer.

~Leslie Fiedler

The novel is always pop art, and the novel is always dying. That's the

only way it stays alive. It does really die. I've been thinking about that a lot.

~Leslie Fiedler

I've been writing about James Fenimore Cooper. He was not a writer. Here was a man who was 30 years old and had never put anything more than his signature on paper.

~Leslie Fiedler

Cooper wrote a novel which is absolutely indistinguishable from Austen, completely from a female point of view, completely English, no sense that he was an American.

~Leslie Fiedler

I used to be fond of Indian arm wrestling.

~Leslie Fiedler

Of the female black authors, I really like Morrison's early books a lot. But she's really become so much a clone of Faulkner. He did it better.

~Leslie Fiedler

Kafka is still unrecognized. He thought he was a comic writer.

~Leslie Fiedler

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