

Michael Connelly

Quotes

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There is no client as scary as an innocent man.

~Michael Connelly

If the system turns away from the abuses inflicted on the guilty, then who can be next but the innocents?

~Michael Connelly

I think books with weak or translucent plots can survive if the character being drawn along the path is rich, interesting and multi-faceted. The opposite is not true.

~Michael Connelly

You can't patch a wounded soul with a Band-Aid.

~Michael Connelly

You know what I did after I wrote my first novel? I shut up and wrote twenty-three more.

~Michael Connelly

I think I would spend the first 30 weeks not writing, just clearing my head and seeing parts of the world I haven't seen and going back to places I have seen and love.

~Michael Connelly

I went into journalism to learn the craft of writing and to get close to the world I wanted to write about - police and criminals, the criminal justice system.

~Michael Connelly

There is nothing you can do about the past except keep it there.

~Michael Connelly

I'm a disciple of Raymond Chandler, who said in his essays that there's a quality of redemption in anything that can be called art.

~Michael Connelly

Any writer would rather dig into character than dig into fancy plots.

~Michael Connelly

What is important is not what you hear said, it's what you observe.

~Michael Connelly

I've learned over the years that sometimes if you ask the same question more than once you get different responses.

~Michael Connelly

It's only a wonderful world if you can make it that way. There are no street signs pointing to Paradise Road.

~Michael Connelly

How I work is that I write a story I'd like to read. Then you fly to Paris or Sydney and the interviewers talk about the greater significance of your work.

~Michael Connelly

In a daydream sort of way, I think it would be pretty cool to direct a movie. But I have been on movie and TV sets and know it is hard work. I like directing it in my mind. It is easier.

~Michael Connelly

The Chicago Way is a wonderful first novel. Michael Harvey has studied the masters and put his own unique touch on the crime novel. This book harkens the arrival of a major new voice.

~Michael Connelly

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once wrote that when you look into the darkness of the abyss the abyss looks into you. Probably no other line or thought more inspires or informs my work.

~Michael Connelly

A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by Web sites and blogs.

~Michael Connelly

Don't go growing a conscience on me," I said. "I've been down that road. It doesn't lead you to anything good.

~Michael Connelly

There is a means to every end. A root to any cause. Sometimes the root is more evil than any cause, though it's the cause that is usually most vilified.

~Michael Connelly

I love movies. Movies have influenced me as a writer.

~Michael Connelly

The best crime novels are not about how a detective works on a case; they are about how a case works on a detective.

~Michael Connelly

...it is how a person goes about quenching his desires or living with them unrequited that the readers get a glimpse of his true character.

~Michael Connelly

Money. The ultimate motivation. The ultimate way of keeping score.

~Michael Connelly

What is jealousy but a reflection of your own failures?

~Michael Connelly

Everybody counts or nobody counts

~Michael Connelly

I'm a pretty harsh critic when it comes to my own stuff or things that come from my work.

~Michael Connelly

I feel I'm functioning at some level as a journalist because even though I write fiction, I'm trying to get the world accurate.

~Michael Connelly

There is nothing like the start of a season, before all the one-run losses, pitching breakdowns and missed opportunities. Before reality sets in.

~Michael Connelly

It's lucky no one else knows what our most secret thoughts are. We'd all be seen for the cunning, self-aggrandizing fools we are.

~Michael Connelly

Deep in my heart it still feels like I'm a journalist even though I haven't worked for a paper and carried a press pass for 14 years.

~Michael Connelly

I don't think anyone will believe me, but I've never been pressured by a publisher to churn out a book.

~Michael Connelly

I never miss L.A. because I'm there enough.

~Michael Connelly

I saw a sneak preview of Jack Reacher and give two thumbs up to Tom Cruise. He did a great job with the role.

~Michael Connelly

Momentum was momentum, whether you found it in music or on the

street or in the beat of your own heart.

~Michael Connelly

As a bassist he could never really be a sideman. He was always the anchor. He drove the beat. even if it was behind Miles Davis'a horn.

~Michael Connelly

There were a billion lights out there on the horizon and I knew that all of them put together weren't enough to light the darkness in the hearts of some men.

~Michael Connelly

Write every day even if it is just a paragraph.

~Michael Connelly

You can fall in love and make love many times but there is only one bullet with your name etched on the side. And if you are lucky enough to be shot with that bullet then the wound never heals.

~Michael Connelly

When I am so intensely involved with writing my books I don't like to reread them.

~Michael Connelly

When I was a teenager, I was a voracious reader of crime fiction, but only contemporary books.

~Michael Connelly

As a reporter, you develop an ear for dialogue because it's your job to capture it accurately.

~Michael Connelly

Ingeniously plotted and executed, Print the Legend is an epic masterpiece from Craig McDonald. Beginning to end, I was riveted by

this story of character, history and intrigue.

~Michael Connelly

Can't complain because nobody listens.

~Michael Connelly

No Way Back is my kind of novel - a tough, taut thriller - Mofina knows the world he writes about.

~Michael Connelly

She refused to accept the simple truism that the better you were, the bigger threat you were to those at the top.

~Michael Connelly

A really good day for me is to write my book for about four hours, go to the writing room for about four hours and then maybe come back to the book to finish the day for a few more hours of it.

~Michael Connelly

That's the irony in the work: the best stories are the worst things that happen. My best times were somebody else's worst.

~Michael Connelly

I've sold 11 of my books to Hollywood. There are all kinds of my books on shelves in Hollywood because the scripts didn't capture the characters.

~Michael Connelly

The characters I write about are very internal.

~Michael Connelly

I'm always looking at ways of shaking up the writing experience because I think it helps.

~Michael Connelly

We're all seeking order. We're all seeking control.

~Michael Connelly

I'm going to have to be impressed and feel confident in the people I'm handing a book to - or I'm not going to do it. Once you hand it to them, you're out. You have no control over it.

~Michael Connelly

I think there's a general misconception that anything written quickly lacks quality, and I don't believe that.

~Michael Connelly

Maybe it has something to do with being a reporter for a long time that I don't look to newspapers and television and so forth for inspiration most of the time.

~Michael Connelly

The writing ethic was influenced - when you have to write every day, there's no such thing as writer's block.

~Michael Connelly

I've been able to write at least one book a year for 20 years, and I don't think I would've had that kind of drive if I hadn't come out of the journalism business.

~Michael Connelly

The character can never be static from book to book. People might think you just come up with a new plot and stick this guy in. Well, he has to be as new as the plot every time.

~Michael Connelly

I'm not 'Mr. No-By-The-Book.' I just want to make sure the character is by the book.

~Michael Connelly

I view people two ways. They're either eye-for-an-eye people or they are turn-the-cheek people.

~Michael Connelly

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