

Michael Helm Quotes

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Toronto is hard to capture in a few strokes.

~Michael Helm

Paranoia can be a sign of a sanity in some circumstances, in some places and times.

~Michael Helm

Absurdity isn't quite so absurd as it once was.

~Michael Helm

I just write what I want to read, and sometimes keeping it interesting means adding one more element that ends up adding another year to the work.

~Michael Helm

I love poetry, read it a lot, but make no claim to being able to write it.

~Michael Helm

The idea that language can be recombined to create new forms, new things, is of course very old in poetry.

~Michael Helm

We're getting used to reality and fantasy passing into each other. Much of the border between them has been erased.

~Michael Helm

It's fiction's job to express how it feels to be living now, and it's a complex feeling, full of contradiction. To me it often feels like a brutal trivialization of reality.

~Michael Helm

I seem always to have two or three novels going at once. It takes me a long time to finish one.

~Michael Helm

We want to know that we're not alone with our loneliness or loss.

~Michael Helm

Science is claiming ever more ground from popular stories of the kind we thought we weren't to believe in.

~Michael Helm

Trauma, and certain important experiences, can imprint on us at a genetic level.

~Michael Helm

Many of the concepts we once thought belonged to speculation or science fiction are now part of our understood reality.

~Michael Helm

The real past can traumatize us, but so can the real future.

~Michael Helm

There's some evidence that before events of mass trauma, even unpredictable ones, people begin to feel higher anxiety, often expressed in terms specific to the event.

~Michael Helm

Novels seem to exist because of this need to know and connect, and so story becomes charged with necessity.

~Michael Helm

I like a great degree of compression. I like to mix lateral steps with forward ones. I don't want the prose ever to feel simply functional - at least not for any stretch.

~Michael Helm

I'm not even sure if empathy is an act, it could be a disposition.

~Michael Helm

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