

Miguel Syjuco Quotes

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Shopping, Good Things, Human Condition, Cities, Tyrants, Remembered,
Nurse, Teaching, Lost, Opportunity, Objectivity*

Sometimes one waits too long for the perfect moment before snapping the picture. You never realize that you needed was to change perspective.

~Miguel Syjuco

History is changed by martyrs who tell the truth.

~Miguel Syjuco

To be an honest writer, you have to be away from home, and totally alone in life.

~Miguel Syjuco

Love and honesty don't mix.

~Miguel Syjuco

We referenced fictional characters as if they were people to learn from. As if real-life people were too nebulous, too private and unreal for us to understand.

~Miguel Syjuco

Literature is an ethical leap. It is a moral decision. A perilous exercise in constant failure. Literature should have grievances, because there are so many grievances in the world.

~Miguel Syjuco

Cliches remind and reassure us that we're not alone, that others have trod this ground long ago.

~Miguel Syjuco

Being remembered is all anyone can ask from a lost love.

~Miguel Syjuco

Angst is not the human condition, it's the purgatory between what we have and what we want but can't get.

~Miguel Syjuco

Angry men have little to live for when their rage becomes ineffective.

~Miguel Syjuco

If our greatest fear is to sink away alone and unremembered, the brutality that time will inflict upon each of us will always run stronger than any river's murky waves.

~Miguel Syjuco

Freedom is the only thing we must demand in life, for all other good things stem from it

~Miguel Syjuco

It kills me how these days everyone has clinical justification for their strangeness.

~Miguel Syjuco

I have to believe that literature can effect change; otherwise, I would have no purpose in my life and would have wasted four years on *Ilustrado*.

~Miguel Syjuco

I don't see myself as any different from all the other Filipinos who have gone abroad looking for opportunity, to be a nurse, a labourer, a maid or a prostitute.

~Miguel Syjuco

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