

Mo Yan Quotes

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Possibly because I've lived so much of my life in difficult circumstances, I think I have a more profound understanding of life.

~Mo Yan

I am also well aware that literature only has a minimal influence on political disputes or economic crises in the world, but its significance to human beings is ancient.

~Mo Yan

For a country boy, poor as I was, whose constant worry was to be able to have enough to eat, the Army guaranteed one's survival.

~Mo Yan

When someone forces me to do something I don't do it.

~Mo Yan

Loneliness and hunger were my fortunes of creation.

~Mo Yan

A writer should bury his thoughts deep and convey them through the characters in his novel.

~Mo Yan

My works are Chinese literature, which is part of world literature. They show the life of Chinese people as well as the country's unique culture and folk customs.

~Mo Yan

People who are strangers to liquor are incapable of talking about literature.

~Mo Yan

The act of giving voice to this spiritual suffering is, in my view, the sacred duty of the writer.

~Mo Yan

When I write, I try to represent the ordinary person in the pew, which means that, ironically, I'm qualified to write about prayer by being unqualified!

~Mo Yan

One of the biggest problems in literature is the lack of subtlety.

~Mo Yan

No person writes to win awards.

~Mo Yan

I know what real courage is, and I understand true compassion.

~Mo Yan

A sudden cloud formation of birds was swallowed up by the moon, and he was just as suddenly penned in by four walls-the demons' pen.

~Mo Yan

Some may want to shout on the street, but we should tolerate those who hide in their rooms and use literature to voice their opinions.

~Mo Yan

I think writers write for their consciences, they write for their own true audiences, for their souls.

~Mo Yan

A writer should always bravely face life, risking death and mutilation in order to dethrone an emperor.

~Mo Yan

I'll continue on the path I've been taking, feet on the ground, describing people's lives, describing people's emotions, writing from the standpoint

of the ordinary people.

~Mo Yan

A writer should express criticism and indignation at the dark side of society and the ugliness of human nature, but we should not use one uniform expression.

~Mo Yan

A writer writes what he knows, in ways that are natural to him.

~Mo Yan

I write about my region, the countryside in which I grew up.

~Mo Yan

I think that China has many outstanding authors, and their great works should also be recognised by the world.

~Mo Yan

I have always been independent. I like it that way. When someone forces me to do something, I don't do it.

~Mo Yan

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