

Nic Pizzolatto

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Certain experiences you can't survive, and afterward you don't fully exist, even if you failed to die.

~Nic Pizzolatto

We live in a culture that has a real hard time distinguishing fiction from reality. Even when they're told something is fiction.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Often, what allows someone to behave heroically in dire circumstances is unpalatable in day-to-day life.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I made True Detective like it was going to be the only thing I ever made for television. So put in everything and the kitchen sink. Everything.

~Nic Pizzolatto

As human beings, we are nothing but the stories we live and die by — so you'd better be careful what stories you tell yourself.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Killing characters on television has become an easy short cut to cathartic emotion.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I knew the past wasn't real. It was only an idea, and the thing I'd wanted to touch, to brush against, the feeling I couldn't name - it just didn't exist. It was only an idea, too.

~Nic Pizzolatto

The ideas within this philosophy are certainly not exclusive to any writer.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I'm not in the service business.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I was raised by television. It was my first cultural window. It was a constant companion.

~Nic Pizzolatto

As someone with a novelistic background, I just didn't have much interest in creating stories by committee. I don't think you necessarily get the best story through that approach.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Whatever story you're telling in Louisiana, the landscape is going to become a character in it.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Whatever I watched, whatever I loved in 36 years of life on Earth, probably had some influence on me.

~Nic Pizzolatto

It's better to not have a reputation than a bad one.

~Nic Pizzolatto

The Atlantic really gave me my writing career - even just the conviction to be a writer.

~Nic Pizzolatto

For me as a storyteller, I want to follow the characters and the story through what they organically demand.

~Nic Pizzolatto

The work is where I tend to feel pressure - not so much in the reaction to it.

~Nic Pizzolatto

At DePauw, I was teaching writing and fiction. The things I wanted to teach, more than anything else, were form and theory of the novel, of narrative. I liked those classes.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Some people, no matter where they look, they see themselves.

~Nic Pizzolatto

In the summer of 2010, I was working on a version of "True Detective" that I was thinking might be my next novel, and it was told in these two first-person voices; Cohle and Hart's voices.

~Nic Pizzolatto

In the summer of 2010, I had decided to get into film and TV writing, so I wrote scripts for six different ideas I had developed, and the pilot for True Detective was one of them.

~Nic Pizzolatto

If I write scripts that nobody likes, I don't think we'll be doing 'True Detective.'

~Nic Pizzolatto

I didn't come to Hollywood to be subservient to anyone else's vision.

~Nic Pizzolatto

There's never been anything I didn't love that I didn't connect with on a personal level because to some degree, I projected upon it.

~Nic Pizzolatto

Art was always for me an escape and a way to relate to the world around me.

~Nic Pizzolatto

You just do the best you can, and when you're able to connect with

people, and when you do, it's just incredibly gratifying.

~Nic Pizzolatto

The idea of being a show runner was very attractive to me, to create and control something.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I don't think you can create effectively toward expectation. I'm not in the service business.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I find the constraints of drama actually freeing: It brings everything down to character and action.

~Nic Pizzolatto

I was raised in a heavily Catholic family. Early and consistent encounters with mysticism.

~Nic Pizzolatto

If landscape is a character for me, then it helps if I'm familiar with it and I already have a take on it.

~Nic Pizzolatto

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