

# Nick Flynn Quotes

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Psych, Honor And Respect, Fields, Night, Rivers, Morning, Buddhism, Taken,  
Wave*

Perhaps everyone has a story that could break your heart.

~Nick Flynn

On a good day I write, all day.

~Nick Flynn

There are many ways to drown, only the most obvious wave their arms as they're going under.

~Nick Flynn

What you fear your whole life comes to pass. You end up living toward it, you spend your life running from it but your foot is nailed to the sidewalk. You circle around it until you wear yourself own.

~Nick Flynn

By the time I'm nine I know the world is a dangerous place. I've heard whispers about razorblades in apples, about Charlie Manson and his family. But no one is offering any clear information.

~Nick Flynn

Certain stories we carry with us, events in our life, they define who we are. It's not a matter of getting over anything; we have to make the best of it.

~Nick Flynn

Writers, especially poets, are particularly prone to madness.

~Nick Flynn

I can weep pretty easily. I can get tears in my eyes from a beautiful work of art.

~Nick Flynn

In life you get one take, and it's perfect. It's strange, afterwards you might think I shouldn't have reacted that way, but that's the way you

reacted. That's your take; that's all you get.

~Nick Flynn

When I was a child, writing was the worst possible choice of a career in my family.

~Nick Flynn

Water can be a symbol of purification, to stand naked before someone a sign of truth, of nothing to hide. - Nick Flynn

~Nick Flynn

Trinity Park lies directly across from the library, Trinity Church rising like a medieval thought amidst the glass and steel towers.

~Nick Flynn

That soldiers do terrible things during wartime should not surprise us.

~Nick Flynn

I believe poetry has very little to do with memory.

~Nick Flynn

Change is one of the only constants in Buddhism; as meditation became the way I breathed in the days, this became apparent.

~Nick Flynn

Alcohol is the river we sit on the banks of, contemplating. Sometimes we watch ourselves float past, sometimes we watch ourselves sink.

~Nick Flynn

Everything we do, I'd imagine, influences everything we will do.

~Nick Flynn

Who doesn't want to just disappear, at some point in the day, in a year, to just step off the map and float?

~Nick Flynn

Read as much as you can. Write only when you feel the inner need to do so. And don't ever rush into print.

~Nick Flynn

inside us, a flower taken whole, a field built inside.

~Nick Flynn

I get inspired by my friends, and if a friend is a writer, that is even deeper.

~Nick Flynn

If you're going to write about someone's life, you don't just use them for wallpaper. You have to honor and respect that life.

~Nick Flynn

There is a physics to the world, which non-fiction has a contract to stand in awe of, otherwise it becomes completely self-centered and ego-driven, which is the death of a memoir.

~Nick Flynn

The attention one gets from being a poet isn't great.

~Nick Flynn

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