

Paul Fry Quotes

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Mind*

Authors we are in danger of accepting as gospel, whereas founders of discursivity provide permeable ideas that we can elaborate upon in a tradition of constructive dialogue.

~Paul Fry

I'm a fan or naysayer like everyone else, not an authority of any kind.

~Paul Fry

Satire about any and all professionals with a special vocabulary has been a staple of fiction and popular ridicule since the 18th century.

~Paul Fry

The rhetoric of theory is always in a bind. It pronounces ideas and denounces failures to accept or grasp them while insisting that there are no grounds either for accepting or grasping ideas.

~Paul Fry

Criticism is concerned with evaluation. There may be evaluative principles implicit in this or that form of theory, but theory in and of itself is not prescriptive.

~Paul Fry

I beg my reader to consider the "evidence" I provide for my case and perhaps feel persuaded as a result. Beyond that I make no claim.

~Paul Fry

Every original poet has a new insight, or rather introduces a new power.

~Paul Fry

I'm not only a romanticist but a romantic myself. I take it for granted the originality matters.

~Paul Fry

I myself always want to talk about "poetry," not "the poem."

~Paul Fry

The basic change in the landscape since my salad days started with the defensive rediscovery of history and politics by all the theoretically-oriented academics in the late seventies and eighties.

~Paul Fry

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