

Peter Straub

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I generally wade in blind and trust to fate and instinct to see me through.

~Peter Straub

Fear and I were old buddies, despite my best efforts to the contrary.

~Peter Straub

Intellectual labor is a common technique for the avoidance of thinking.

~Peter Straub

The world is full of ghosts, and some of them are still people.

~Peter Straub

What was the worst thing you've ever done? I won't tell you that, but I'll tell you the worst thing that ever happened to me...the most dreadful thing.

~Peter Straub

My first real breakthrough collided with the last months of Callaghan's Labour government, which had every intention of enjoying my success as much as I did.

~Peter Straub

Occasionally.. .what you have to do is go back to the beginning and see everything in a new way.

~Peter Straub

If I planned everything out in advance, I'd expire of boredom.

~Peter Straub

An average working day begins at 8 or 9 am, includes an hour for lunch, and ends at 5 or 6 pm.

~Peter Straub

I had a connoisseur's... appreciation of fear.

~Peter Straub

Sometimes it is right to fear the dark.

~Peter Straub

I instantly chucked my academic ambitions and began writing fiction full-time.

~Peter Straub

On gym days, I don't get to my desk until 4 in the afternoon, and everything except bedtime and the appointment with the liquid narcotic is pushed back a bit.

~Peter Straub

The actual Blue Rose murders, which lie at the core of the three novels, yield various incorrect solutions which assume the status of truth.

~Peter Straub

Everyone wants to get better as they go along, but sometimes it's all you can do to stay consistent.

~Peter Straub

There were a lot of adventure books for boys, historical novels by Kenneth Roberts, and whatever mystery novels the alarmed librarian imagined might not corrupt an eager but innocent youth.

~Peter Straub

When, in the third book, we do learn the identity of the Blue Rose murderer, the information comes in a muted, nearly off-hand manner, and the man has died long before.

~Peter Straub

Many fiction writers eventually want to feel that their work forms a

single, unified entity.

~Peter Straub

However, I think I managed to reach a new level with Koko, and I will always be grateful for the experience.

~Peter Straub

Instead, I was interested in what I guess I could call narrative indeterminacy, in questioning the apparent, taken-for-granted authority of any particular representation of the events in question.

~Peter Straub

Nobody can protect anybody else from vileness. Or from pain. All you can do is not let it break you in half and keep on going until you get to the other side.

~Peter Straub

I believe I encountered death, which was a bit too much for a seven-year-old.

~Peter Straub

Could you defeat a cloud, a dream, a poem?

~Peter Straub

Each new book is a tremendous challenge.

~Peter Straub

Nobody is surprised that women writers accurately represent male characters over and over again, no doubt because everybody knows that women understand men much better than vice-versa.

~Peter Straub

Wolves and those who see them are shot on sight.

~Peter Straub

A lyrical, brave and complex novel that takes enormous risks and pulls them all off.

~Peter Straub

Wolf! Right here and now!

~Peter Straub

I write longer sentences than most of the others, maybe because I probably like Henry James more than they do.

~Peter Straub

God, in the orthodox view, causes famine, plague, and flood. Was God evil? Evil is a convenient fiction.

~Peter Straub

Close your mouth and get out of the way, because here comes Kelly Link, than whom no one is better.

~Peter Straub

You'll never get anything done if you walk around with an unchipped heart.

~Peter Straub

I liked the place I came from. But a lot of what I liked about it was that I had come from there.

~Peter Straub

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