

R. L. Stine

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Read. Read. Read. Just don't read one type of book. Read different books by various authors so that you develop different styles.

~R. L. Stine

Well, when I was 13, for my bar mitzvah I received my first typewriter. And that was special.

~R. L. Stine

Many adults feel that every children's book has to teach them something.... My theory is a children's book... can be just for fun.

~R. L. Stine

Sometimes it helps to scold yourself, to give yourself advice.

~R. L. Stine

I feel happy to terrify kids.

~R. L. Stine

When I write, I try to think back to what I was afraid of or what was scary to me, and try to put those feelings into books.

~R. L. Stine

The only lesson is, you gotta keep at it.

~R. L. Stine

Everything that has happened to me has been amazing and surprising.

~R. L. Stine

I've had a very sheltered life. What can happen to you if you stay home writing all day?

~R. L. Stine

I believe that kids as well as adults are entitled to books of no socially redeeming value.

~R. L. Stine

Normally, I spend a week on the outline and take two weeks to write the book.

~R. L. Stine

You have no control [over natural disaster]. That's what's scary about it. You're helpless. That feeling of helplessness is really scary.

~R. L. Stine

When I was a kid my family was really poor and I remember one Halloween I wanted to dress up really scary and my parents came home with a duck costume. I wore that costume for years! I hated it.

~R. L. Stine

I used to get a haircut every Saturday so I would never miss any of the comic books. I had practically no hair when I was a kid!

~R. L. Stine

I started writing when I was 9 years old. I was like this weird kid who would just stay in my room, typing little funny magazines and drawing comic strips.

~R. L. Stine

I've never dreamed of a story idea. I have such boring dreams.

~R. L. Stine

A real New Yorker likes the sound of a garbage truck in the morning.

~R. L. Stine

I drive a lot in the summertime, but after that, I don't drive if there's snow predicted for anywhere in 500 miles.

~R. L. Stine

I do like a lot of things that a lot of adults would scoff at. 'SpongeBob SquarePants,' 'Looney Tunes.'

~R. L. Stine

I've never turned into a bee - I've never been chased by a mummy or met a ghost. But many of the ideas in my books are suggested by real life.

~R. L. Stine

After spending 22 years in Ohio, I love everything about New York.

~R. L. Stine

I'm obsessed with radio. It's a good start to Sunday morning.

~R. L. Stine

I have a great office.

~R. L. Stine

I have a cheat-sheet for each one of my characters about their personality, the way they look, etc. So there is no possible way that I could have writer's block.

~R. L. Stine

I got the chance to do things that I dreamed of when I was a kid: I got to travel around the world; I had my own 'Goosebumps' attraction at Disney World; I've been on TV and had three TV series.

~R. L. Stine

I haven't written a young-adult book in years. I'm also doing six 'Goosebumps' books a year now.

~R. L. Stine

If you want to be a writer, don't worry so much about writing. Read as much as you can. Read as many different writers as you can. Soak up

the styles.

~R. L. Stine

I always just wanted to be funny. I never really planned to be scary.

~R. L. Stine

If you do enough planning before you start to write, there's no way you can have writer's block. I do a complete chapter by chapter outline.

~R. L. Stine

It's my job, too, to keep up with pop culture and what the kids are into 'cause you don't want to sound like an old man trying to write for kids. I spend a lot of my time spying on them.

~R. L. Stine

I've killed hundreds of teenagers. Hundreds. And I didn't know why. Why did I enjoy doing it so much? Why? And then I realized - I had a teenager at home!

~R. L. Stine

I should be concentrating on writing pages.

~R. L. Stine

I guess I'm way too kind and generous, and a saint - if you can believe that!

~R. L. Stine

I've made myself laugh from some ideas - but I've never scared myself.

~R. L. Stine

Making my class laugh and getting in trouble. I was the class clown.

~R. L. Stine

You guys are just jealous because i'm a natural athlete and you can't

cross the street without falling on your face." -(Bird) Doug

~R. L. Stine

At least I can write.

~R. L. Stine

I've lived in New York for 40 years. I came right after college.

~R. L. Stine

I love theme parks but I'm a real chicken on rides. I'd rather invent scary rides for my books than go on them for real.

~R. L. Stine

I'm a total Disney freak. I want to live in Disney World.

~R. L. Stine

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