

Rabih Alameddine

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I wonder whether there is such a thing as a sense of individuality. Is it all a facade, covering a deep need to belong? Are we simply pack animals desperately trying to pretend we are not?

~Rabih Alameddine

I believe one has to escape oneself to discover oneself.

~Rabih Alameddine

...What happens is of little significance compared with the stories we tell ourselves about what happens. Events matter little, only stories of events affect us.

~Rabih Alameddine

I wonder if being sane means disregarding the chaos that is life, pretending only an infinitesimal segment of it is reality.

~Rabih Alameddine

The eye always fills in the imperfections.

~Rabih Alameddine

I long ago abandoned myself to a blind lust for the written word. Literature is my sandbox. In it I play, build my forts and castles, spend glorious time.

~Rabih Alameddine

Sex, like art, can unsettle a soul, can grind a heart in a mortar. Sex, like literature, can sneak the other within one's wall, even if only for a moment, a moment before one immures oneself again.

~Rabih Alameddine

What is the purpose of a city if not to grant the greatest of gifts, anonymity?

~Rabih Alameddine

I'm an atheist, a devout atheist, but I find religion fascinating. Primarily because of cultural references, as in: This is what we grew up with. Both on a personal level and a collective level.

~Rabih Alameddine

For someone like me and my generation, you had to speak French to be sophisticated, you had to be lighter-skinned.

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There are two kinds of people in this world: people who want to be desired, and people who want to be desired so much that they pretend they don't.

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