

# Raymond Queneau

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Being or nothing, that is the question. Ascending, descending, coming, going, a man does so much that in the end he disappears.

~Raymond Queneau

There have been only rare moments in history where individual histories were able to run their course without wars or revolutions.

~Raymond Queneau

Religions tend to disappear with man's good fortune.

~Raymond Queneau

Man's usual routine is to work and to dream and work and dream.

~Raymond Queneau

The Odyssey is the story of someone who, in the course of diverse experiences, acquires a personality or affirms and recovers his personality.

~Raymond Queneau

The Iliad is the private lives of people thrown into disorder by history.

~Raymond Queneau

To have one's own story told by a third party who doesn't know that the character in question is himself the hero of the story being told, that's a technical refinement.

~Raymond Queneau

When Ulysses hears his own story sung by an epic poet and then he reveals his identity and the poet wants to continue singing, Ulysses isn't interested any longer. That's very astonishing.

~Raymond Queneau

A very great Iliad... concerns the creation of a nation.

~Raymond Queneau

All confessions are Odysseys.

~Raymond Queneau

It is the creator of fiction's point of view; it is the character who interests him. Sometimes he wants to convince the reader that the story he is telling is as interesting as universal history.

~Raymond Queneau

We have gotten away from this double aspect of either putting the character back into historical events or of making a historical event of his very life.

~Raymond Queneau

True stories deal with hunger, imaginary ones with love.

~Raymond Queneau

It isn't happiness I am concerned with but experience.

~Raymond Queneau

Happy nations have no history. History is the study of mankind's misfortune.

~Raymond Queneau

It doesn't seem to me that anyone has discovered much that's new since the Iliad or the Odyssey.

~Raymond Queneau

The most heartbreakingly poignant modern love story ever written.

~Raymond Queneau

Ulysses finds himself unchanged, aside from his experience, at the end of his odyssey.

~Raymond Queneau

The Odyssey is the story of Americans up to the point where they are well-established, and even so it is detached from the historical side.

~Raymond Queneau

One can easily classify all works of fiction either as descendants of the Iliad or of the Odyssey.

~Raymond Queneau

All societies are historical.

~Raymond Queneau

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