

# Richard Hell Quotes

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we still have the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building and the Woolworth Building, but it just seems like part of the nature of New York, that it's always shifting.

~Richard Hell

Things always change, and New York teaches you that.

~Richard Hell

Another thing that's good about writing to describe a situation or a state of consciousness is that you can finally get it right. That was my intention, and that's always interesting.

~Richard Hell

The purpose of rock n' roll is to convince girls to pay money to get close to you.

~Richard Hell

In fact I thought life was pretty much a losing proposition, and I didn't mind saying so.

~Richard Hell

I'm usually alone or asleep, at home.

~Richard Hell

I do everything halfway, a thing of which adults disapprove, but things done halfway are deceptive, and in a class of their own - for instance, the sun is really twice its size.

~Richard Hell

A memoir takes some particular threads, some incidents, some experience from a person's life and gives an account of it.

~Richard Hell

I shake my head and the tiny acrobats fall like spangles, like the cool

rain on another planet, down to the inside of my feet.

~Richard Hell

I felt just overwhelmed by input: the Vietnam War and the collapse of the '60s and the proliferation of media' it just felt like everything was too much to handle and you just tuned out.

~Richard Hell

A memoir is a book about some particular thread or theme or moment in a person's life, whereas an autobiography is the entire life.

~Richard Hell

Nothing lasts in New York. Everything's always changing in really obvious ways.

~Richard Hell

Well, I thought the Sex Pistols were the cream of the crop. They came in and topped everybody, for sure. They took all the existing strands and made a perfect package out of them.

~Richard Hell

There are characters in [punk] that do deliberately go as far as they can in certain kind of taboo areas.

~Richard Hell

I believe in people treating each other with respect.

~Richard Hell

I'm someone who's really susceptible to tears.

~Richard Hell

Poetry's always dead, you know? You don't realize how good poetry is until 15 years later.

~Richard Hell

I love a good play, but they're too hard to find.

~Richard Hell

I'm not into this memoir craze that's been going on for 20 years now and doesn't seem to ever let up. People just indiscriminately say "memoir" now when it's a person writing about their own life.

~Richard Hell

I decided I wanted out because it was killing me, and I couldn't see where to go with it that wouldn't be fatal.

~Richard Hell

I never thought I would write an autobiography, probably because my first novel, *Go Now*, is really all drawn from my life, even though it's more about the psychology going on.

~Richard Hell

I like writing non-fiction - and when you pick a [non-fiction] subject, it saves you the hassle of coming up with a plot.

~Richard Hell

I've come to think of myself as a writer of books.

~Richard Hell

An autobiography is a life story. It starts when you're born and continues until the end.

~Richard Hell

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