

Richard Peck

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The only way you can write is by the light of the bridges burning behind you.

~Richard Peck

I read because one life isn't enough and in the pages of a book, I can be anybody.

~Richard Peck

Only the nonreader fears books.

~Richard Peck

We write by the light of every story we have ever read.

~Richard Peck

Anyone who thinks small towns are friendlier than big cities lives in a big city.

~Richard Peck

We don't write what we know. We write what we wonder about.

~Richard Peck

If you cannot find yourself on the page very early in life, you will go looking for yourself in all the wrong places.

~Richard Peck

Because nobody but a reader ever became a writer.

~Richard Peck

When I read a good book, it's like traveling the world without ever leaving my chair.

~Richard Peck

This is how you hold onto your family. You hold them with open hands so they are free to find futures of their own. It's just that simple.

~Richard Peck

Never trust an ugly woman. She's got a grudge against the world,' said Grandma who was no oil painting herself.

~Richard Peck

...they'd just tell you to turn the other cheek, wouldn't they?...Trouble is, Mrs. Dowdel observed, after you've turned the other cheek four times, you run out of cheeks.

~Richard Peck

Writing is communication, not self-expression. Nobody in this world wants to read your diary except your mother.

~Richard Peck

[A young adult novel] ends not with happily ever after, but at a new beginning, with the sense of a lot of life yet to be lived.

~Richard Peck

Fame is a funny thing, like a secret, both are hard to keep.

~Richard Peck

I'm so far gone that I'm telling the truth. It sounds like a foreign language.

~Richard Peck

If you're going to read minds, start with a simple one.

~Richard Peck

But put two librarians' heads together, and mountains move.

~Richard Peck

Humor is anger that was sent to finishing school.

~Richard Peck

I read.. because one life is not enough

~Richard Peck

I caught a glimpse of happiness, and saw it was a bird on a branch, fixing to take wing.

~Richard Peck

Martin Wilson's *What They Always Tell Us* hears the voices of the young as they struggle toward adulthood.

~Richard Peck

Grandma, how old is she?" "Oh I don't know." Grandma said. "You'd have to cut off her head and count the rings in her neck.

~Richard Peck

I read because one of these days I'm going to get out of this town, and I'm going to go everywhere and meet everybody, and I want to be ready

~Richard Peck

With the poetry of plain speaking, Shannon Hitchcock recreates the daily drama of a vanished world.

~Richard Peck

The years went by, and Mary Alice and I grew up, Slower than we wanted to, faster than we realized.

~Richard Peck

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