

Richard Powers

Quotes

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What I really like to learn how to do is to build sentences that are equal to mental states.

~Richard Powers

When you're sure of what you're looking at, look harder.

~Richard Powers

Librarian is a service occupation. Gas station attendant of the mind.

~Richard Powers

Reading is the last act of secular prayer.

~Richard Powers

All we can ever do is lay a word in the hands of those who have put one in ours.

~Richard Powers

I'd like, each time out as a writer, to reinvent who I am and what I'm doing. That's one of the great pleasures and rewards of the occupation.

~Richard Powers

The job of taste was to thin the insane torrent of human creativity down to manageable levels. But the job of appetite was never to be happy with taste.

~Richard Powers

I would say the flip side to my fascination with systems is a fascination with components. So many of my books are dialogues between little and big.

~Richard Powers

I write the way you might arrange flowers. Not every try works, but each one launches another. Every constraint, even dullness, frees up a new

design.

~Richard Powers

The use of music is to remind us how short a time we have a body.

~Richard Powers

Maybe happiness is like a virus. Maybe it's one of those bugs that sits for a long time, so we don't even know that we are infected.

~Richard Powers

The web: yet another total disorientation that becomes status quo without anyone realizing it.

~Richard Powers

I keep a quotes journal - of every sentence that I've wanted to remember from my reading of the past 30 years.

~Richard Powers

The desire to live in our imagination is driven by this suspicion that we're disembodied sensibilities cobbled into our bodies. That idea has infused most of human thought since the very beginning.

~Richard Powers

If you're going to immerse yourself in a project for three years, why not stake out a chunk of the world that is completely alien to you and go traveling?

~Richard Powers

We will live with racism for ever. But senses of self, senses of belonging, senses of us and of others? Those are up for grabs.

~Richard Powers

The thing that makes reading and writing suspect in the eyes of the market economy is that it's not corrupted.

~Richard Powers

Evil is the refusal to see one's self in others.

~Richard Powers

The Midwest is such a tabula rasa.

~Richard Powers

The oldest principle of composition: repeat everything.

~Richard Powers

Until I was 42, I could fit everything that I owned into two suitcases.

~Richard Powers

I used to work for 12 or 14 hours at a time but the digital age has made such happy immersions almost impossible.

~Richard Powers

Type a few lines of code, you create an organism.

~Richard Powers

I really like science because it seems to be that place where you get the big picture, everything connects.

~Richard Powers

Out of grad school, I worked as a tech writer for a while before going into computer coding for a living.

~Richard Powers

My goal for technology has always been to reach a point where the technological mediation becomes invisible.

~Richard Powers

My dream has always been to suspend myself in space when I write,

and lying horizontal in bed is the closest to doing that.

~Richard Powers

In 25 years of writing novels, I've never had anything that felt like writer's block.

~Richard Powers

The loneliness of writing is that you baffle your friends and change the lives of strangers.

~Richard Powers

I like to travel and connect.

~Richard Powers

Everything interests me.

~Richard Powers

For me, university was just awful because it was closing one door after the other of all these candy shops of professional possibilities.

~Richard Powers

Only white men have the luxury of ignoring race.

~Richard Powers

All the different ways we know the world all come from the brain, and they all depend on each other to make sense.

~Richard Powers

The 'information novel' shouldn't be a curiosity. It should be absolutely mainstream.

~Richard Powers

I don't mind arguing with myself. It's when I lose that it bothers me.

~Richard Powers

We don't consider the roles that we're taking in making the world the way it is.

~Richard Powers

Only keep still, wait, and hear, and the world will open.

~Richard Powers

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