

# Rick Bass

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How we fall into grace. You can't work or earn your way into it. You just fall. It lies below, it lies beyond. It comes to you, unbidden.

~Rick Bass

My life, I realize suddenly, is July. Childhood is June, and old age is August, but here it is, July, and my life, this year, is July inside of July.

~Rick Bass

I've heard it said that when you die you enter a room of bright light, and that you can smell bread baking just around the corner.

~Rick Bass

Nothing will get you into trouble so deep or as sad as faith.

~Rick Bass

The mountains have always been here, and in them, the bears.

~Rick Bass

Fiction is harder for me than nonfiction - more gratifying, as a result, when it succeeds.

~Rick Bass

I've lost much of my heart and the spark or fire that once created, or produced, the art of fiction.

~Rick Bass

When you sign on to be an activist in northwest Montana, people in the grocery store will avoid eye contact, particularly if they're hanging out with outspoken opponents to your views.

~Rick Bass

Fit in where you don't: make your own space..be different..don't give in. Exist somewhere you're not suppose to, or where you don't want to. Be your own men; do what you want, and don't hurt anybody

~Rick Bass

To not pursue the thing one wants would be a waste of one's life.

~Rick Bass

Nature, and the original system that created us, must always remain somehow with us, the bedrock of our movements and actions. What is our duty? To live a life.

~Rick Bass

A novel that features real people is complicated, but in the end, that extra challenge is all for the good.

~Rick Bass

I think a novelist must be more tender with living or 'real' people. The moral imperative of having been entrusted with their story looms before you every day, in every sentence.

~Rick Bass

Live long enough and all weaknesses will be illuminated, but again perhaps that is not all bad for cannot they then begin to become strengths?

~Rick Bass

I don't think I'm a natural novelist. Plot is definitely one of my weaker points. I've been working on it a long time, and it's not getting much better.

~Rick Bass

The Ploughmen is part inspired fever-dream, part adventure story, a lyric parable of not just good and evil but of the vast and beautiful and often lonely country in-between. Kim Zupan is a wonder.

~Rick Bass

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