

Rick Moody Quotes

*Book, Thinking, Writing, Reading, People, Trying, Stuff, Believe, Way, Needs,
Children, Want, Country, Details, Mean, Relief, Order, Giving Up, Kids, Fall*

I have worked really hard to defy categorization, to break down a taxonomy whenever it comes my way.

~Rick Moody

Impotence, fetishism, bisexuality, and bondage are all facts of life, and our fiction should reflect that.

~Rick Moody

The past was so past it hurt.

~Rick Moody

I think literature is best when it's voicing what we would prefer not to talk about.

~Rick Moody

I am in Boston right now, in fact, to do work at the New England Historical Genealogical Library, where I'm trying to finish up tracing my lineage back to the seventeenth century.

~Rick Moody

Genre is a bookstore problem, not a literary problem.

~Rick Moody

I suppose I should say that I treasure blasphemy, as a faith of the highest order.

~Rick Moody

I judged about a zillion awards this year so I've been reading a lot of books that just came out.

~Rick Moody

Major theme of the book ["Hotels of North America"], from my point of view: what is persona, what is self, in the digital sphere, and/or what is the effect of it on self in a prolonged interaction.

~Rick Moody

I'm trying to make sure that there's comedy as well as sadness. It makes the sadness more memorable.

~Rick Moody

I'm trying to read more dead people because I keep having to read stuff for juries and so forth.

~Rick Moody

It's also true, however, that having conquered the regional writer ghetto, I am now intent on conquering the nationalist writer ghetto and moving out into the world more.

~Rick Moody

People tend to be scared of what they can't see.

~Rick Moody

Tangled in one another's arms and nine times out of ten the things you think about a person make it impossible to touch them.

~Rick Moody

I sort of hate the novel when it doesn't push, restlessly, against the tradition and the traditional.

~Rick Moody

I turned forty, and I'm finally going to get married and maybe have a kid.

~Rick Moody

The process of composition, messing around with paragraphs and trying to make really good prose, is hardwired into my personality.

~Rick Moody

But that incessant drive to be out there in the literary universe that was important to me when I was in my twenties, like going to a Paris Review party or whatever, that seems totally irrelevant now.

~Rick Moody

My contention is that that style is just as stylized as an ornate style.

~Rick Moody

The Ice Storm, because of the movie, has had, or is to have, a vigorous life in other cultures.

~Rick Moody

I love comic books and always did as a kid.

~Rick Moody

Sadness is simply something to be treated with antidepressant meds and otherwise need not be spoken of.

~Rick Moody

God howls with laughter at earthly plans, you know?

~Rick Moody

I believe in choosing the hardest book imaginable. I believe in reading up on what others have to say about this difficult book, and then making up my own mind.

~Rick Moody

There's something really rich and powerful in not talking about what you need to talk about sometimes.

~Rick Moody

I think first-person narrators should be complex, because otherwise the first-person is too shallow and predictable. I like a first-person narrator who can't totally be trusted.

~Rick Moody

I don't know exactly how long the book as we know it will exist, but I fully expect to make it to my death without having to give up on books.

~Rick Moody

I have sparred with commenters as a music writer (on The Rumpus, among other places, see e.g., my review about Taylor Swift), and that was plenty of training!

~Rick Moody

I read a lot of 'The Canterbury Tales' on my phone last year, because I was cycling between three different editions, and I needed to have a middle-of-the-night edition for the insomniac reading.

~Rick Moody

I always wanted to write something illustrated, and the Details strip finally gave me the opportunity.

~Rick Moody

I have admired Melissa Pritchard's writing for several years now for its wisdom, its humble elegance, and its earthy comedy.

~Rick Moody

I made this list of stuff that it's time for me to try to do.

~Rick Moody

I published a bunch of my older books in e-book format with Open Road, which is great and has tons of hard to find older books available there.

~Rick Moody

I had a talk with the president of my publisher, and he averred that e-books are dropping off . So I wonder if the potential advantages are

really going to happen as quickly as they ought.

~Rick Moody

I think people on antidepressants often lose sexual feelings. I don't mean that I think sex is only about sadness; it is obviously about joy and vitality and birth as well.

~Rick Moody

If I'm going to feel estranged and alienated and away from home I don't want anyone interrupting it to debate which berries to have in their pancakes.

~Rick Moody

The idea to make hotel reviews the form of the novel came first. So I just started writing hotel reviews and tried to come up with a consistent voice.

~Rick Moody

I am a better writer for having fewer demons, and I am more curious about the world and the people in it. So those of you thinking you might need your demons in order to be creative: I beg to differ.

~Rick Moody

I am excited by... the new novel by Samantha Hunt. She's a writer I really admire a lot.

~Rick Moody

I'm not the guy to ask about the most up to date stuff.

~Rick Moody

Maybe when I'm sixty-five I'll talk about my literary life.

~Rick Moody

Updike worked this way, and I just kinda borrowed it from him. So the

memoir will be relief from novel writing for a moment.

~Rick Moody

In general, each form is a relief from the other forms. I can't write a novel after a novel. I just use up all the material each time, and I need to rest.

~Rick Moody

I believe that God locates himself at the spot where you recognize your own fallibility....And the paradox of it all has been that whenever I give up I seem to do better.

~Rick Moody

So while it is true that I find really dark stuff funny sometimes, it's also true that as a writer of books I want to have the whole range of human emotions.

~Rick Moody

There is no right or wrong reading of *Naked Lunch*, though some readings are more common, and thus Burroughs commercial is not the issue.

~Rick Moody

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