Robert Sheckley Quotes

Science, Writing, Fiction, Thinking, World, War, Hero, Self, Years, Trouble, British, House, Concepts, Ideas, Critics, Fads, Blessing, Hiking, Luck, Regret A lot of us don't want to be quite that serious about world problems. Our life is there to enjoy, not to be an eternal dissident, eternally unhappy with how things are and with the state of mankind.

~Robert Sheckley

Action isn't my forte. I'm an expert on contemplation and mild regret. ~Robert Sheckley

I've always thought of absurdism as a French fad I'd like to belong to. ~Robert Sheckley

Science fiction is very healthy in its form.

~Robert Sheckley

I'm quite influenced in this by one of my heroes, Montaigne, who thought a man's real task was to render as honest an account of himself as he could.

~Robert Sheckley

It is a truism throughout the civilized galaxy that when you go to the police, your troubles really begin.

~Robert Sheckley

I'm not too fond of the hard work and the constant battle with self-doubt that goes on when I write, but I figure that's part of the territory.

~Robert Sheckley

Ethical and questions of philosophy interest me a great deal. ~Robert Sheckley

I sell well now in Russia. I remember one signing in Russia some years ago where the bookstore had two strongmen to hold the crowds back.

~Robert Sheckley

Once you find you can't walk as far and as fast as you were able, life becomes more complicated.

~Robert Sheckley

I'm not so interested any more in how a great deal of science fiction goes. It goes into things like Star Wars and Star Trek which all go excellent in their own way.

~Robert Sheckley

I have never been a critic of science fiction as a whole. ~Robert Sheckley

Why in God's name should a God be praised if he is only performing his Godly function?

~Robert Sheckley

I would like to do a novel where some curse turns that into how the world really is - a blessing or a curse, I don't know which.

~Robert Sheckley

Originality is a concept possible only to a limited viewpoint.

~Robert Sheckley

A novel is often a longer process in handling self-doubt.

~Robert Sheckley

The British audience was very important to me. I have always looked away from American to non-American audiences and so this was important.

~Robert Sheckley

But science perhaps is very difficult without faith. Also there is no simple way of saying now we have science, we don't need faith anymore.

~Robert Sheckley

I don't finish every story, but I probably write and send out three out of five of them.

~Robert Sheckley

I think it can be quite impossible to think well of yourself, so I prefer not to think about that too much. But I am very pleased, obviously.

~Robert Sheckley

I was never able to write seriously about heroes because I was very aware that I was not one and that in my background there was not this heroic thing.

~Robert Sheckley

I like to think that I have no single view nor any single situation that I think things arrive from. I try to give examples of what I think are interesting questions for me.

~Robert Sheckley

I do think that short story writing is often a matter of luck.

~Robert Sheckley

The absurdist stuff wasn't terribly popular at the time I was doing it.

~Robert Sheckley

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