

# Robert Stone

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That's the great thing about literature -- it makes the world less lonely.

~Robert Stone

When rewriting, move quickly. It's a little like cutting your own hair.

~Robert Stone

Life is a means of extracting fiction.

~Robert Stone

Everybody's after a new morning. What do we have to run up and salute tomorrow?

~Robert Stone

You don't want to depend on an editor. If you want to regret something for the rest of your life, you want to make sure you're responsible for it.

~Robert Stone

I've always remembered. This fellow said to me - if you think someones'doing you wrong, it's not for you to judge. Kill them first and then God can do the judging.

~Robert Stone

It's all about letting the story take over.

~Robert Stone

If you couldn't tell the difference between what hurt and what didn't, you had no business being alive. You can't have any good times if you can't tell.

~Robert Stone

The desires of the heart...are as crooked as a corkscrew.

~Robert Stone

If you haven't fought for your life for something you want, you don't

know what's life all about.

~Robert Stone

One does not consider style, because style is.

~Robert Stone

I think everybody must be aware that this society is a whole lot shakier now than it was before the war. I was trying to examine, in 'Dog Soldiers,' the process of that blow falling on America

~Robert Stone

I start early in the morning. I'm usually out in the woods with the dog as soon as it gets light; then I drink a whole lot of tea and start as early as I can, and I go as long as I can.

~Robert Stone

I was a radioman when I first went into the Navy, so I learned to type by taking Morse code. So I was using the typewriter from day one. My handwriting wasn't any good anyway.

~Robert Stone

The lessons I learned that were most important were the ones that hurt my feelings.

~Robert Stone

The things that you know more about than you want to know are very useful.

~Robert Stone

I try very hard to be fair, and I look for ironies. In a way, I live on ironies as a novelist.

~Robert Stone

The process of creating is related to the process of dreaming although

when you are writing you're doing it and when you're dreaming, it's doing you.

~Robert Stone

What is worst about America was acted out. What is best in America doesn't export.

~Robert Stone

It's easy to create a country, all you have to do is to think of a name for it

~Robert Stone

It's hard to stay away from religion when you mess with acid.

~Robert Stone

I think there's a necessity for some attachment to the spiritual world and, in a way, people really have to have it.

~Robert Stone

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