

Roger Angell Quotes

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Pain, Almost Perfect, Half, Live By, Loss, Catchers, Beautiful, Wall,
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Since baseball time is measured only in outs, all you have to do is succeed utterly; keep hitting, keep the rally alive, and you have defeated time. You remain forever young.

~Roger Angell

I felt what I almost always feel when I am watching a ballgame: Just for those two or three hours, there is really no place I would rather be.

~Roger Angell

Writing is hard, even for authors who do it all the time.

~Roger Angell

The best defense against partisanship is expertise.

~Roger Angell

I knew I wasn't a baseball writer. I was scared to death. I really was afraid to talk to players, and I didn't want to go into the press box because I thought I was faking it.

~Roger Angell

The great thing about catchers is that they do a lot of different things, and they're basically overlooked.

~Roger Angell

Life is tough and brimming with loss, and the most we can do about it is to glimpse ourselves clear now and then, and find out what we feel about familiar scenes and recurring faces this time around.

~Roger Angell

What really makes baseball so hard is it's retributive capacity for disaster if the smallest thing is done wrong, and the invisible presence of defeat that attends every game.

~Roger Angell

Baseball's absolute unpredictability makes amateurs of us all.

~Roger Angell

I think I wrote once that baseball in many ways is very much like reading. I said there are more bad books than bad ballgames, or maybe it was the other way around. I can't remember.

~Roger Angell

Those who live by the wall must die by the wall.

~Roger Angell

We are all writers and readers as well as communicators with the need at times to please and satisfy ourselves with the clear and almost perfect thought.

~Roger Angell

Our stories about our own lives are a form of fiction, I began to see and become more insistent as we grow older, even as we try to make them come out in some other way.

~Roger Angell

I've been lucky. I've met a lot of baseball people, and I've learned to value people who talk - people who talk well and in long sentences and even long paragraphs.

~Roger Angell

Everyone knows the best volume of the encyclopedia is the one with ships-S.

~Roger Angell

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