

Roger Rosenblatt

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Children love to be alone because alone is where they know themselves, and where they dream.

~Roger Rosenblatt

The problem with death is absence

~Roger Rosenblatt

The God worth worshipping is the one who pays us the compliment of self - regulation, and we might return it by minding our own business.

~Roger Rosenblatt

If you need three adjectives to describe something, then you've probably chosen the wrong something.

~Roger Rosenblatt

A library should be like a pair of open arms.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Slum kids die slowly, their lives eroded at so languid a pace that even they would have trouble tracing the disintegration. To the children of war death explodes like a car bomb.

~Roger Rosenblatt

The belief in potential human virtue underlies the whole idea of the Bill of Rights; the document is a very tough guardian of that belief.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Friends are lights in winter; the older the friend, the brighter the light.

~Roger Rosenblatt

The only reason I wanted 'Making Toast' as the title is that it is a simple gesture of moving on. Every morning there's the bread and you make the toast and you start the day.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Come September, children return to school, grownups to work, and the brain to the head.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Only by moving in the direction you least trust can you be saved

~Roger Rosenblatt

Blame is especially useful in situations in which there is no apparent villain-those moments that prove, despite our advancement of learning, how susceptible we are to high winds and wet roads.

~Roger Rosenblatt

When you have the goods, you don't need to dress up what you're writing.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Every writing teacher gives the subliminal message, every time they teach: 'Your life counts for something.' In no other subject that I know of is that message given.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Just because the person who criticizes you is an idiot doesn't make him wrong.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Time can be such a menace to a man. By this age do that; by that age do better.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Remote control. Ingenious contradiction of terms. Fits like a handshake. Aims like a gun.

~Roger Rosenblatt

There is nothing like a man for bringing out the animal in an animal.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Anytime you make a person into something other than himself, you make a monster.

~Roger Rosenblatt

One of the very important things that have to be learned around the time dying becomes a real prospect is to recognize those occasions when we have been useful in the world.

~Roger Rosenblatt

If you put anger in the writing, then it's like an actor crying on stage. The audience will not cry with the actor and in some way inure itself against the emotion.

~Roger Rosenblatt

What is the difference between grief and mourning? Mourning has company.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Whatever you think matters - doesn't. Follow this rule, and you will add decades to your life.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Uncle Scrooge preferred to let the poor die "and decrease the surplus population." Scrooge may not have had God on his side, but his arithmetic was impeccable.

~Roger Rosenblatt

If a man spends enough time in a library, he may actually change his mind. I have seen it happen.

~Roger Rosenblatt

A five-year old is in a pretty good position to assess who is beautiful

and who is not. Removed from the confusions of sexuality, he or she can judge a face as a face.

~Roger Rosenblatt

Live in the past, but don't remember too much.

~Roger Rosenblatt

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