

Roger Zelazny

Quotes

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I saw my earlier selves as different people, acquaintances I had outgrown. I wondered how I could ever have been some of them.

~Roger Zelazny

Life is full of doors that don't open when you knock, equally spaced amid those that open when you don't want them to.

~Roger Zelazny

Don't wake me for the end of the world unless it has very good special effects.

~Roger Zelazny

The death of an illusion tends to disconcert.

~Roger Zelazny

It is a pain in the ass waiting around for someone to try to kill you.

~Roger Zelazny

That's life: trust and you're betrayed; don't trust and you betray yourself.

~Roger Zelazny

There's really nothing quite like someone's wanting you dead to make you want to go on living.

~Roger Zelazny

If a building is falling on you, you don't concern yourself with the horn of an approaching car. You deal with the most immediate peril first. That's survival.

~Roger Zelazny

When inspiration is silent reason tires quickly.

~Roger Zelazny

Nothing we did in those days has caused a change." "Because of what we did, things remained as they were, rather than getting worse," I told him.

~Roger Zelazny

The absence of a monument can, in its own way, be something of a monument also.

~Roger Zelazny

To paraphrase Oedipus, Hamlet, Lear, and all those guys, "I wish I had known this some time ago.

~Roger Zelazny

I try to sit down at the typewriter four times a day, even if it's only five minutes, and write three sentences.

~Roger Zelazny

The function of criticism should not be confused with the function of reform.

~Roger Zelazny

The power to hurt ... has evolved in a direct relationship to technological advancement.

~Roger Zelazny

The enemy of the moment is not as important as our own inner weakness. If this is not mended we are already defeated, though no foreign conqueror stands within our walls.

~Roger Zelazny

Between the black of yesterday and the white of tomorrow is the great gray of today.

~Roger Zelazny

It is no shame to lose to me, mortal. Even among mythical creatures there are very few who can give a unicorn a good game.

~Roger Zelazny

I'm a lost soul. We do wail.

~Roger Zelazny

No word matters. But man forgets reality and remembers words.

~Roger Zelazny

Even a mirror will not show you yourself, if you do not wish to see.

~Roger Zelazny

I tried a very fancy attack I'd learned in France, which involved a beat, a feint in quarte, a feint in sixte, and a lunge veering off into an attack on his wrist. I nicked him, and the blood flowed.

~Roger Zelazny

The stars blazed like the love of God, cold and distant.

~Roger Zelazny

I know, too, that death is the only god who comes when you call.

~Roger Zelazny

It is anticipation and recollection that fill the heartâ€”never the sensation of the moment.

~Roger Zelazny

When your bow is broken and your last arrow spent, then shoot, shoot with your whole heart.

~Roger Zelazny

While I had often said that I wanted to die in bed, what I really meant was that in my old age I wanted to be stepped on by an elephant while

making love.

~Roger Zelazny

There's no such thing as civilization. The word just means the art of living in cities.

~Roger Zelazny

The universe did not invent justice. Man did. Unfortunately, man must reside in the universe.

~Roger Zelazny

Death is mighty, and is no one's friend.

~Roger Zelazny

There are none of you, good doctors, could cope with my family anyway.

~Roger Zelazny

Two days like icebergs bleak, blank, half-melting, all frigid, mainly out of sight, and definitely a threat to peace of mind drifted by and were good to put behind.

~Roger Zelazny

Strygaldwir is my name. Conjure with it and I will eat your heart and liver." "Conjure with it? I can't even pronounce it, and my cirrhosis would give you indigestion.

~Roger Zelazny

The day of battle dawned pink as the fresh-bitten thigh of a maiden.

~Roger Zelazny

I enjoy slaughtering beasts, and I think of my relatives constantly.

~Roger Zelazny

Sleep is perhaps the only among life's great pleasures which need not be of short duration.

~Roger Zelazny

Why could you not have left me as I was, in the sea of being?"
"Because the world has need of your humility, your piety, your great teaching and your Machiavellian scheming.

~Roger Zelazny

When you are about to die, a wombat is better than no company at all.

~Roger Zelazny

Then you must reconcile yourself to the fact that something is always hurt by any change. If you do this, you will not be hurt yourself.

~Roger Zelazny

At the end of the season of sorrows comes the time of rejoicing. Spring, like a well-oiled clock, noiselessly indicates this time.

~Roger Zelazny

I've always been impulsive. My thinking is usually pretty good, but I always seem to do it after I do my talking "â€" by which time I've generally destroyed all basis for further conversation.

~Roger Zelazny

I watched the spinning stars, grateful, sad and proud, as only a man who has outlived his destiny and realizes he might yet forge himself another, can be.

~Roger Zelazny

Even the most heartening of philosophical vistas is no match for, say, a toothache, if it happens to be your own.

~Roger Zelazny

If the liberal arts do nothing else they provide engaging metaphors for the thinking they displace.

~Roger Zelazny

Nobody steals books but your friends.

~Roger Zelazny

Beware the meek ... for we shall attempt to inherit the Earth.

~Roger Zelazny

Of course it does not apply to me. I am the soul of honor, kindness, mercy and goodness. Trust me in all things.

~Roger Zelazny

I would never rest until I held vengeance and the throne within my hand, and good night sweet prince to anybody who stood between me and these things.

~Roger Zelazny

To waste! You are unknown and unwanted, save by me. This, because you are fairly adept at the various embalming arts and you occasionally compose a clever epitaph.

~Roger Zelazny

My favorite form is the short story. From an aesthetics stand point you really have to pare down to the bone. You can't write a throw-away scene.

~Roger Zelazny

You are a fool to speak of last great battles...for the last great battle is always the next one.

~Roger Zelazny

Be warned, therefore, that one does not go to hell to light a cigarette.

~Roger Zelazny

Love is a negative form of hatred.

~Roger Zelazny

I have decided, it is fruitless. For I am no longer sure of anything concerning my existence. A philosopher is a dead poet and a dying theologian.

~Roger Zelazny

Time passed slowly, like an old man climbing a hill.

~Roger Zelazny

Once a Buddha, always a Buddha.

~Roger Zelazny

If I get enough letters saying you never explained this or that, I suppose I'll have to write another book.

~Roger Zelazny

Thus did I bear Sir Lancelot de Lac to the Keep of Ganleon, whom I trusted like a brother. That is to say, not at all.

~Roger Zelazny

Any man would be forsworn to gain a kingdom.

~Roger Zelazny

A powerful flight of the imagination . . . an entirely enjoyable reading experience, wrought by a pair of writers noted for excellence.

~Roger Zelazny

Death is the only limit to the road you travel.

~Roger Zelazny

Good-bye and hello, as always.

~Roger Zelazny

I fail to see what difference it makes whether it be supernatural or not--so long as it is malefic, possesses great powers and life span and has the ability to change its shape at will.

~Roger Zelazny

There are stars, stars, scattered stars, blackness all between. They ripple and fold and bend, and they rush toward him, rush by him. Their colors are blazing and pure as angels' eyes.

~Roger Zelazny

The dead are too much with us.

~Roger Zelazny

Do you work for the government, any government? "I pay taxes, which means I work for the government, part of the time. Yes.

~Roger Zelazny

The most difficult thing about Time, I have learned, is doing it.

~Roger Zelazny

An army, great in space, may offer opposition in a brief span of time. One man, brief in space, must spread his opposition across a period of many years if he is to have a chance of succeeding.

~Roger Zelazny

Go and copulate with yon purple lizard.

~Roger Zelazny

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