

Ross Macdonald

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I have a secret passion for mercy. . . but justice is what keeps happening to people.

~Ross Macdonald

Nothing is wrong with California that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure.

~Ross Macdonald

The surprise with which a detective novel concludes should set up tragic vibrations which run backward through the entire structure.

~Ross Macdonald

The walls of books around him, dense with the past, formed a kind of insulation against the present world of disasters.

~Ross Macdonald

Hell lies at the bottom of the human heart.

~Ross Macdonald

There are certain families whose members should all live in different towns - different states, if possible - and write each other letters once a year.

~Ross Macdonald

When there's trouble in a family, it tends to show up in the weakest member. And all the other members of the family know that. They make allowances for the one in trouble.

~Ross Macdonald

Freud was one of the greatest influences on me. He made myth into psychiatry, and I've been trying to turn it back into myth again.

~Ross Macdonald

The walls were lined with books, many of them in foreign languages,

like insulation against the immediate present.

~Ross Macdonald

An ugly woman with a gun is a terrible thing.

~Ross Macdonald

As a man gets older, if he knows what is good for him,, the women he likes are getting older too. The trouble is that most of them are married.

~Ross Macdonald

I found myself wishing that we could live like the birds and move through nature without hurting it our ourselves.

~Ross Macdonald

We're all in the game. We all drive cars, and we're all hooked on oil. The question is how we can get unhooked before we drown in the stuff.

~Ross Macdonald

The Archer novels are about various kinds of brokenness.

~Ross Macdonald

The delicate sensitivity of a frightened rattlesnake.

~Ross Macdonald

I like a little danger. Tame danger, controlled by me. It gives me a sense of power, I guess, to take my life in my hands and know damn well I'm not going to lose it.

~Ross Macdonald

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