

Russell Hoban Quotes

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There must be a lot of people in the world being wondered about by people who don't see them anymore.

~Russell Hoban

Language is an archaeological vehicle... the language we speak is a whole palimpsest of human effort and history.

~Russell Hoban

After all, when you come right down to it, how many people speak the same language even when they speak the same language?

~Russell Hoban

Words have a life; without response they die.

~Russell Hoban

But when I don't smoke I scarcely feel as if I'm living. I don't feel as if I'm living unless I'm killing myself.

~Russell Hoban

Nothing to be done really about animals. Anything you do looks foolish. The answer isn't in us. It's almost as if we were put here on earth to show how silly they aren't.

~Russell Hoban

When you suffer an attack of nerves you're being attacked by the nervous system. What chance has a man got against a system?.

~Russell Hoban

The things that matter don't necessarily make sense.

~Russell Hoban

Explorers have to be ready to die lost.

~Russell Hoban

An idea is an eye given by God for the seeing of God. Some of these eyes we cannot bear to look out of; we blind them as quickly as possible.

~Russell Hoban

And now it seems she's on my wavelength. That's all I need. My mind isn't much of a comfort to me but at least I thought it was private.

~Russell Hoban

I believe that most of us would like to be thought well of by horses.

~Russell Hoban

More and more I'm aware that the permutations are not unlimited.

~Russell Hoban

Them as counts counts moren them as dont count

~Russell Hoban

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Me, what's that after all? An arbitrary limitation of being bounded by the people before and after and on either side. Where they leave off I begin, and vice versa.

~Russell Hoban

Time's arrow, we are told, is a one-way thing. . . Memory's arrow, like the needle of a compass too close to a lodestone, spins in all directions.

~Russell Hoban

I'd always assumed I was the central character in my own story, but now it occured to me I might in fact be only a minor character in someone else's.

~Russell Hoban

I'll never retire. They'll have to take my computer out of my cold, dead hands. I'm addicted to writing. I feel physically unwell if I'm not doing it.

~Russell Hoban

If reality had a stage door I'd hang around there to see what comes out after the show.

~Russell Hoban

Fidelity is a matter of perception; nobody is unfaithful to the sea or to mountains or to death: once recognized they fill the heart.

~Russell Hoban

Usually my starting point is something that I've seen. It might be a painting, it might be an object. But they always start from a definite sensory experience.

~Russell Hoban

My generation was somewhat between things, neither free nor much supported by whatever held us in.

~Russell Hoban

Is there an existence that is only mine?

~Russell Hoban

Life is a process of one gone-ness after another.

~Russell Hoban

A map is the dead body of where you've been. A map is the unborn baby of where you're going. There are no maps. Maps are pictures of what isn't.

~Russell Hoban

A family is everybody all together.

~Russell Hoban

I have no wisdom and nothing useful to tell you - I only mentioned this because it came into my head.

~Russell Hoban

Sometimes there's nothing but Sundays for weeks on end. Why can't they move Sunday to the middle of the week so you could put it in the OUT tray on your desk?

~Russell Hoban

"Who is Alice?" asked mother. "Alice is somebody that nobody can see," said Frances. "And that is why she does not have a birthday. So I am singing Happy Thursday to her." - Frances the badger

~Russell Hoban

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