

Ruth Ozeki

Quotes

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Sometimes when she told stories about the past her eyes would get teary from all the memories she had, but they weren't tears. She wasn't crying. They were just the memories, leaking out.

~Ruth Ozeki

I have a pretty good memory, but memories are time beings, too, like cherry blossoms or ginkgo leaves; for a while they are beautiful, and then they fade and die.

~Ruth Ozeki

Life is fleeting. Don't waste a single moment of your precious life. Wake up now! And now! And now!

~Ruth Ozeki

The past is weird. I mean, does it really exist ? It feels like it exists, but where is it ? And if it did exist, but doesn't now, then where did it go ?

~Ruth Ozeki

There are many answers, none of them right, but some of them most definitely wrong.

~Ruth Ozeki

But in the time it takes to say now, now is already over. It's already then.

~Ruth Ozeki

When I start writing novels, I go into them with a spirit of inquiry, rather than to substantiate prejudices I had in the beginning. If you don't do that, you can't write good characters.

~Ruth Ozeki

The wondrous thing about nature, her gift to us, is her wanton promiscuity. She reproduces herself with abandon, with teeming infinite generosity.

~Ruth Ozeki

Everything in the universe is constantly changing, and nothing stays the same, and we must understand how quickly time flows by if we are to wake up and truly live our lives.

~Ruth Ozeki

You never know who it's going to be, or what they'll bring, but whatever it is, it's always exactly what is needed.

~Ruth Ozeki

No matter how much bullying they inflict on my body, as long as I have this hope, I can endure any pain.

~Ruth Ozeki

I believe it doesn't matter what it is, as long as you can find something concrete to keep you busy while you are living your meaningless life.

~Ruth Ozeki

A person is born from the deep conditions of the world. A person pokes up from the world and roll along like a wave. Until it's time to sink down again. Up, down. Person, wave.

~Ruth Ozeki

Casting your voice out into the future is very beautiful to me.

~Ruth Ozeki

For the time being Words scatter Are they fallen leaves?

~Ruth Ozeki

Zazen is better than a home. Zazen is a home that you can't ever lose.

~Ruth Ozeki

That's what it feels like when I write, like I have this beautiful world in

my head, but when I try to remember it in order to write it down, I change it, and I can't ever get it back.

~Ruth Ozeki

With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

~Ruth Ozeki

Every seed has a story.

~Ruth Ozeki

It was really a means-of-production problem. It costs so much to make films. With a novel, you can write the whole thing on a ream of paper from Staples for \$4.

~Ruth Ozeki

An unfinished book. left unattended, turns feral, and she would need all her focus, will and ruthless determination to tame it again.

~Ruth Ozeki

Information is a lot like water; it's hard to hold on to, and hard to keep from leaking away.

~Ruth Ozeki

My mind is like a gyre and odd juxtapositions happen.

~Ruth Ozeki

I think that if we don't learn to inhabit other people's perspectives, then we're never going to understand why people do what they do.

~Ruth Ozeki

The relationship between reader and writer is reciprocal in a way. We co-create each other. We are constantly emerging out of the relationship we have with others.

~Ruth Ozeki

The important thing was that we were being polite and not saying all the things that were making us unhappy, which was the only way we knew how to love each other.

~Ruth Ozeki

language is magical - it's a form of conjuring. If you do it convincingly, readers will follow you.

~Ruth Ozeki

Writing a book is a way of thinking to me, the only way of thinking that I have found successful.

~Ruth Ozeki

What if I travel so far away in my dreams that I can't get back in time to wake up?

~Ruth Ozeki

Life is evanescent, but left to itself it rarely fails to offer some consolation.

~Ruth Ozeki

She smiled. "Life is full of stories. Or maybe life is only stories. Good night, my dear Nao."

~Ruth Ozeki

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