

# Steve Almond Quotes

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Halloween, Children, Mean, Wise, Lying, Heart, Parent, Done, Soul, Beautiful*

All readers come to fiction as willing accomplices to your lies. Such is the basic goodwill contract made the moment we pick up a work of fiction.

~Steve Almond

We need books...because we are all, in the private kingdoms of our hearts, desperate for the company of a wise, true friend.

~Steve Almond

Misery loves another idiot with a jukebox where his soul should be.

~Steve Almond

Nothing on Earth is so beautiful as the final haul on Halloween night.

~Steve Almond

At the end of night, before you close your eyes, be content with what you've done and be proud of who you are.

~Steve Almond

I have a hard time defending the production of candy, given that it is basically crack for children and makes them dependent in unwholesome ways.

~Steve Almond

At about the age of ten, during a late summer visit to Sears to buy school clothes, I became aware of the concept of candy by the pound.

~Steve Almond

The answer is that we don't choose our freaks, they choose us.

~Steve Almond

If you want to fight a cult, you've got to form a cult.

~Steve Almond

The single biggest reason I got my stories taken in various literary magazines - and I want to stress this - is because I refused to give up. Period.

~Steve Almond

I do think, as crazy as it sounds, that sports is an addiction and that it should be accorded some of the same supports as any other addiction.

~Steve Almond

I love men, the restlessness of their corrupted souls, the way they hide their heavy, murderous hearts, their sudden delicacies and small shocking acts of tenderness.

~Steve Almond

It is in these moments of tender and ridiculous nostalgia that I know something inside me is still broken.

~Steve Almond

All language is an aspiration to music.

~Steve Almond

A lot of what I'm having to do to get myself weaned from football is really limit what media I allow myself to consume. And it's a big drag. But it's also the only way to kick the habit.

~Steve Almond

I happen to love football so much and hate myself for loving it.

~Steve Almond

Football offers us a sanitized spectacle of combat that has a clear resolution, which we need more and more today given our incoherent overseas "wars."

~Steve Almond

Capitalism doesn't consider morality. It considers profitability.

~Steve Almond

Football is Lotto for kids from economically vulnerable neighborhoods.

~Steve Almond

Football is the most successful cult, in terms of members and profits, in human history. Oh wait, there's also religion.

~Steve Almond

The truth is, every sport has been turned into a huge, nihilistic business.

~Steve Almond

To look at the work of your peers, and learn how to explain with kindness and precision, the nature of their mistakes is, in fact, how you learn to diagnose your own work.

~Steve Almond

There's something incredibly liberating about a holiday that encourages children to take candy from strangers

~Steve Almond

There's an invisible army of woman and men who really don't get why we give so much of ourselves to football. And they need to SPEAK UP.

~Steve Almond

Most forms of rage, after all, are only sloppy cloaks for grief.

~Steve Almond

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