

Steve Erickson Quotes

*Thinking, Writing, Stories, Believe, Character, America, People, War, Emotional,
Want, Country, Way, Men, Hands, Ideas, Kids, Expression, Two, Inspiration,
Memories*

When L.A.'s schizophrenia between Dreamland and Utopia was becoming socially manifest, the United States, which was always a place, went to war with America, which was always an idea.

~Steve Erickson

Western music is arguably America's greatest contribution to the 20th century, cultural or otherwise.

~Steve Erickson

a dream is only a memory of the future

~Steve Erickson

I'm my own "ideal reader" in the sense that I write novels that I would want to read.

~Steve Erickson

I write almost purely by instinct. I've never made an outline.

~Steve Erickson

I believe novels can have secrets from their author, a notion I imagine would appall Nabokov.

~Steve Erickson

My own personal experience has become more first-hand.

~Steve Erickson

The material dictates the approach.

~Steve Erickson

In essence I'm really a very traditional writer. I subscribe to the notion that, ultimately, characters do drive everything else.

~Steve Erickson

The form is always integral to the expression of the theme or to the

sheer telling of the story, and sometimes the right form is apparent to me from the outset and sometimes it isn't.

~Steve Erickson

Though energy and inspiration diminish, experience grows - the theme of parents and kids, for instance.

~Steve Erickson

I think most novelists I know, certainly including me, feel the novels choose them rather than vice-versa.

~Steve Erickson

In the end I write the novels I need to write when I need to write them.

~Steve Erickson

These days in particular it seems not only unavoidable but even irresponsible to not acknowledge politics in some way.

~Steve Erickson

While I do believe I become a technically better writer over time, in others ways writing gets harder because inspiration is finite.

~Steve Erickson

For better or worse I'm the writer I am today because of hearing those Dylan records. For better and most certainly not for worse, I'm the person I am today because of hearing Charles.

~Steve Erickson

Being a man of taste and sophistication, the 80s were objectively, quantifiably, empirically, diagram-it-on-a-blackboard the worst decade in the history of recorded music.

~Steve Erickson

If you're a smart writer, you listen.

~Steve Erickson

If I had it to do all over again . . . I wouldn't change a thing.' . . the final expression of narcissism, the last gesture of self-congratulation.

~Steve Erickson

By the plain form of my delirium I will blast the obstruction of every form around me into something barely called shadow. I sail. I swim to you. I know the water.

~Steve Erickson

In LA, you think you're making something up, but it's making you up.

~Steve Erickson

To me experimental fiction ultimately is about the experiment and I'm not interested in experiments for their own sake.

~Steve Erickson

Is the humanism intuitive or labored over?, the answer is: Yes. It begins intuitively, it becomes the reason for writing the thing, and then it's to be considered and fine-tuned and even calculated.

~Steve Erickson

Certainly the last thing I want is to be "difficult."

~Steve Erickson

I tell the stories in the way that feels natural to tell them.

~Steve Erickson

The material dictates the approach. I tell the stories in the way that feels natural to tell them. Certainly the last thing I want is to be "difficult."

~Steve Erickson

Related Links:

- Thinking Quotes
- Writing Quotes
- Stories Quotes
- Believe Quotes
- Character Quotes
- America Quotes
- People Quotes
- War Quotes
- Emotional Quotes
- Want Quotes
- Country Quotes
- Way Quotes
- Men Quotes
- Hands Quotes
- Ideas Quotes
- Kids Quotes
- Expression Quotes
- Two Quotes
- Inspiration Quotes
- Memories Quotes