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Pleasure, I remind myself, is inseparable from its lawfully wedded mate, pain.

~T.C. Boyle

But then, that's the beauty of writing stories-each one is an exploratory journey in search of a reason and a shape. And when you find that reason and that shape, there's no feeling like it.

~T.C. Boyle

The professorial dictum has always been to write what you know, but I say write what you don't know and find something out. And it works.

~T.C. Boyle

I'm always trying to do something different and trying to keep myself amused.

~T.C. Boyle

Criticism can be wonderful, especially in making connections in an interpretive way. But by applying theories randomly, it's an interesting exercise, but I don't think it illuminates the literature.

~T.C. Boyle

Writing is a channeling of an individual experience; so is reading. That's what's so exciting about this art form - it's interactive.

~T.C. Boyle

I'm sad that there no more mysterious places in the world.

~T.C. Boyle

Alcohol had a lot to do with it, too, and mental instability. All writers are narcissistic, manic-depressive drug addicts and alcoholics, and I am no exception.

~T.C. Boyle

If I'm doing my job correctly, I'm presenting a scenario for you as the reader to engage with on your own. I mean that's what the best art is supposed to do.

~T.C. Boyle

I've been in perfect health and perfectly happy all my life. I don't take any pills; I just get up, clean up after my wife, and start typing every day.

~T.C. Boyle

There's a kind of mystery to our being and from my point of view, regarding my own parents and their parents, I'd as soon let it lie than find out who my mother's father was.

~T.C. Boyle

Basically for me a story can be anything. Anything you tell me, anything I read in the newspaper, in any mode. I don't have any restrictions.

~T.C. Boyle

I'd read somewhere that nine out of ten adults in Alaska had a drinking problem. I could believe it. Snow, ice, sleet, wind, the dark night of the soul: what else were you supposed to do?

~T.C. Boyle

To be a friend of the earth, you have to be an enemy of man.

~T.C. Boyle

A richly detailed, poignant, and utterly fascinating look into another culture and how it is cross-pollinated by our own. It brings to mind the work of Ha Jin in its power and revelation of the new.

~T.C. Boyle

The very genetic determinism I posited in World's End as a way of shaking off my inherited demons is being proven in fact as we map out

the human genome.

~T.C. Boyle

One of the problems I have with many writers is their stories are all somewhat similar. They might be very good, but they're always on the same turf. I don't have those limitations.

~T.C. Boyle

All writers are egomaniacal, manic-depressive, drug-addicted alcoholics. You want to have that fix again.

~T.C. Boyle

They [my stories] evolve. If they're tightly constructed, it's because they're revised constantly as I move forward each day. That's where the structure inheres. It's all organic.

~T.C. Boyle

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