

Theodora Goss

Quotes

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Love, World, Done, Needs, Way, Important, Beautiful, Magic, Mean, Dark,
Romance*

Accept criticism. If you do not offer your work for criticism and accept that criticism, meaning give it serious thought and attention, then you will never improve.

~Theodora Goss

What writers do - everything comes from inside, from experiences of the world that we have digested. And then we turn it into silk, or stories.

~Theodora Goss

If you look at the natural world, really look at it, it's always magical.

~Theodora Goss

Art inspires me. Looking at art in a museum, listening to music, reading the works of other writers.

~Theodora Goss

Now that *The Thorn and the Blossom* has come out and I'm done with my doctoral degree (yes, I'm finally Dr. Goss), I'm turning to longer projects.

~Theodora Goss

Writing is an art like other arts. Dancers don't dance every once in a while. Musicians don't stop practicing. They are dedicated to what they do.

~Theodora Goss

Of course, with Papaveria Press, you know the book itself is going to be beautiful.

~Theodora Goss

Writers: believe! And go do the work . . .

~Theodora Goss

Believe in the importance of your art.

~Theodora Goss

If you believe you have a voice and something to say, chances are you do, and the world needs you to do whatever you're drawn to do. So you should do it.

~Theodora Goss

It's very difficult to put in the work unless you believe that what you're doing is significant in some way.

~Theodora Goss

Sometimes you have to follow your uncommon sense.

~Theodora Goss

I'm working on a poetry collection for Papaveria Press . It fills me with trepidation - poetry is something I'm much more self-conscious about than prose.

~Theodora Goss

The book itself [The Thorn and The Blossom] is bound accordion-style: it has no spine, so it can open in either direction, and it's in a slipcase.

~Theodora Goss

It happened the way I come up with any story, which is that I took elements of my own life and put them into the story, but in a very mixed-up way.

~Theodora Goss

I had a short story collection come out in 2006, and then I couldn't work on large projects for a long time because I was finishing my doctoral degree.

~Theodora Goss

Nature inspires me continually. Today, I can look out my window and see the entire world covered with snow. It's like Narnia under the White Witch.

~Theodora Goss

The only thing worth thinking about, when I write a story, is whether I like it, whether I want to write it, whether it excites me.

~Theodora Goss

I think part of my purpose in this life is to talk about magic, and to make it.

~Theodora Goss

If you're a writer, your first duty, a duty you owe to yourself and your readers, and to your writing itself, is to become wonderful. To become the best writer you can possibly be.

~Theodora Goss

I loved writing something I'd never written before, and I wanted to write not just about "true love" but also a human relationship.

~Theodora Goss

I actually pushed the boundaries on how long a book like this [The Thorn and the Blossom] can be. The original plan called for two 7,500 word stories, and I turned in two 10,000 word stories.

~Theodora Goss

I've heard some readers saying they wished the story was longer, and I completely understand that desire - we all like to sink into a nice, long novel.

~Theodora Goss

It's appropriate to have magic in a love story, because magic is a sort of metaphor for what love feels like? When we fall in love, the world feels

magical to us. It becomes an enchanted place.

~Theodora Goss

I see so many talented writers who have difficulties with that. And if you don't believe it's important, you won't put in the work you need to.

~Theodora Goss

The appeal of writing a romance was that I'd never written one before the *The Thorn* and *The Blossom*.

~Theodora Goss

I put that part of myself into both Brendan and Evelyn [from *The Thorn and the Blossom*] - as well as some of my own anxieties about the academic life!

~Theodora Goss

So much work went into this book ["*The Thorn & The Blossom*"] - you can probably tell from looking at the art and overall design.

~Theodora Goss

That sort of effort has to come not only from the writer but also from a really innovative publisher like Quirk.

~Theodora Goss

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