

Theodore Sturgeon Quotes

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The movers and shakers have always been obsessive nuts.

~Theodore Sturgeon

You write a story about loneliness, and you grab them all because everybody's an expert on that one.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Science fiction, outside of poetry, is the only literary field which has no limits, no parameters whatsoever.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Writing is a communication.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Ninety percent of everything is crap.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Why must we love where the lightning strikes, and not where we choose?

~Theodore Sturgeon

Sure, 90% of science fiction is crud. That's because 90% of everything is crud.

~Theodore Sturgeon

The first writing I did was short short stories for a newspaper syndicate for which I was paid five dollars a piece on publication.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I write a story as if it were a letter to someone and essentially, that's what you do.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Logic and truth are two very different things, but they often look the

same to the mind that's performing the logic.

~Theodore Sturgeon

They say dogs ignore their reflections in mirrors because they can't smell them. Dogs, unlike people, are not fooled by what they see.

~Theodore Sturgeon

It's the Simple things that are really effective. Try to remember that.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Nothing is always absolutely so

~Theodore Sturgeon

There are people who have tremendously important things to say, but they say it so poorly that nobody would ever want to read it.

~Theodore Sturgeon

The story of my very first sale is the fact that I dreamed up a foolproof paper to cheat an insurance company out of several hundred thousand dollars.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I have lived most of my life with the conviction that I don't dream, because I never could retrieve a dream.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I find to my mixed astonishment that I do dream, but I didn't know it.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I teach writing courses and first of all, I teach my students what prosody is.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Fear is a survival instinct; fear in its way is a comfort for it means that

somewhere hope is alive.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Do you know what morals are? Morals are an obedience to rules that people laid down to help you live among them.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Inner space is so much more interesting, because outer space is so empty.

~Theodore Sturgeon

If ever you want to touch the hand and the heart of God Almighty, you can do it through the body of someone you love. Anytime. Anywhere. Without no middleman.

~Theodore Sturgeon

You must write to the people's expertise.

~Theodore Sturgeon

In science fiction, you can also test out your own realities.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I learned how to live on five and sometimes ten dollars a week.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I wrote the very first stories in science fiction which dealt with homosexuality, *The World Well Lost* and *Affair With a Green Monkey*.

~Theodore Sturgeon

The vast majority of fiction is written to markets and to this damnable business we have nowadays of categorizing everything.

~Theodore Sturgeon

When you combine something to say with the skill to say it properly,

then you've got a good writer.

~Theodore Sturgeon

My wife is beginning to instruct me on means to retrieve dreams, and bit by bit, it does seem to be working.

~Theodore Sturgeon

The novels were all right for a while until she found out that most of them were like the movies - all about the pretty ones who really own the world.

~Theodore Sturgeon

There are a lot of people who write very intensely about things they do not and cannot do.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Love's a different sort of thing, hot enough to make you flow into something, interflow, cool and anneal and be a weld stronger than what you started with.

~Theodore Sturgeon

An old-shoe lover loves loving old shoes.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Morals: They're nothing but a coded survival instinct!

~Theodore Sturgeon

There was so much that you could do, instead of looking for things that you couldn't do.

~Theodore Sturgeon

That's fairly common. We don't believe anything we don't want to believe.

~Theodore Sturgeon

No man can rob successfully over a period of years without pleasing the people he robs.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Here's the point to be made - there are no synonyms. There are no two words that mean exactly the same thing.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Ask the next question.

~Theodore Sturgeon

There's this about a farm: when the market's good there's money, and when it's bad there's food.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Ask Baby can you be truly part of someone you love." "He says only if you love yourself.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Basically, fiction is people. You can't write fiction about ideas.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Corollary 1: The existence of immense quantities of trash in science fiction is admitted and it is regrettable; but it is no more unnatural than the existence of trash anywhere.

~Theodore Sturgeon

For years, I thought I simply didn't dream. I felt left out. Everybody else had a thing I didn't have.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Fiction is very important to me. It's what I do, it's what I do with my life.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I've always written very tightly, and there's a good reason for that. There's no point in using words that you're not going to apply.

~Theodore Sturgeon

I quit my job, and went ashore to become a writer.

~Theodore Sturgeon

The best science fiction is as good as the best fiction in any field.

~Theodore Sturgeon

You have to study your field and you have to find out how other people do it, and you have to keep working and learning and practicing and ultimately, you would be able to do it.

~Theodore Sturgeon

If All Men Were Brothers, Would You Let One Marry Your Sister?

~Theodore Sturgeon

Anybody can do anything he wants to if he wants to do it badly enough.

~Theodore Sturgeon

A good science fiction story is a story with a human problem, and a human solution, which would not have happened at all without its science content.

~Theodore Sturgeon

An ethic isn't a fact you can look up. It's a way of thinking.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Ninety percent of SF [science fiction] is crud, but then, ninety percent of everything is crud.

~Theodore Sturgeon

Even to loneliness there is an end, for those who are lonely enough, long enough.

~Theodore Sturgeon

When I can't do something, this always impels me to study it.

~Theodore Sturgeon

There is no way of writing stories that I haven't done.

~Theodore Sturgeon

As far as I'm concerned, I didn't dream - ever.

~Theodore Sturgeon

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