

# Thomas McGuane

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Angling is extremely time consuming. That's sort of the whole point.

~Thomas McGuane

I'd be happy to have my biography be the stories of my dogs. To me, to live without dogs would mean accepting a form of blindness.

~Thomas McGuane

The occupational hazard of making a spectacle of yourself, over the long haul, is that at some point you buy a ticket too.

~Thomas McGuane

Early on I decided that fishing would be my way of looking at the world. First it taught me to look at rivers. Lately it has been teaching me how to look at people, myself included.

~Thomas McGuane

You can't say enough about fishing. Though the sport of kings, it's just what the deadbeat ordered.

~Thomas McGuane

My life was the best omelette you could make with a chainsaw

~Thomas McGuane

I may be the wrong person for my life.

~Thomas McGuane

Fishing should be a ceremony that reaffirms our place in the natural world and helps us resist further estrangement from our origins.

~Thomas McGuane

An undisturbed river is as perfect as we will ever know, every refractive slide of cold water a glimpse of eternity.

~Thomas McGuane

It don't do you no nevermind to tell nobody nothing.

~Thomas McGuane

I had just settled Grandma on her folding chair and popped open our box lunch when the corpse floated by.

~Thomas McGuane

Generally, we are united in the belief that all rod design has been progressive and that the ideas about fly rods in the past were so bad as to make it amazing that people were able to fish at all.

~Thomas McGuane

The trouble is, you can't properly present something you don't believe in.

~Thomas McGuane

It's funny, but... you're sort of a moving target for fortune, and you never know when it will befall you.

~Thomas McGuane

Something had gone amiss with men, and the weak ones were dangerous.

~Thomas McGuane

The mountains paralleled the valley and the snowy peaks were extending with fall to the valley floor.

~Thomas McGuane

I like young girls. Their stories are shorter.

~Thomas McGuane

Giving freaks a pass is the oldest tradition in Montana.

~Thomas McGuane

Literature is the ditch I'm going to die in. It's still the thing I care most about.

~Thomas McGuane

By your late thirties the ground has begun to grow hard. It grows harder and harder until the day that it admits you.

~Thomas McGuane

Young anglers love new rivers the way they love the rest of their lives. Time does not seem to be of the essence and somewhere in the system is what they are looking for.

~Thomas McGuane

The essence of sport is courage.

~Thomas McGuane

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