

- Bücherherbst 2012 -

Anthony McCarten: "Ganz normale Helden"

1. Looking out of the window first thing in the morning: What would you like to discover?

Sunshine falling on bougainvillea.

2. Which literary character would you like to meet?

Jesus Christ. Though he may have existed, he is surely a product of literature: our greatest.

3. Where do you like to write most? Your favourite place?

At my desks, in London, Stroud in Gloucestershire, Wellington, and recently, in the dining cars of German ICE trains. In all four places the tea is good and plentiful.

4. Which book are you reading at the moment?

A biography of Ibsen. Surely the greatest playwright since Shakespeare, and like Shakespeare, an enigma. A conservative who wrote liberal plays.

5. Which book would you have liked to write yourself?

Probably Gatsby. Maybe it would be enough to have just written the last two pages.

6. Please add: "Books are ..."

... wonderful. And if you read them they're even better.

7. What I would never do:

Lie to you.