

Nausea Quotations

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Quotes:

"I am alone in the midst of these happy, reasonable voices." (Chapter 2, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin reflects on his loneliness, feeling disconnected from the people around him while sitting in a café and listening to conversations.

"I am alone in this white, garden-rimmed street. Alone and free." (Chapter 12, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin walks through the streets of Bouville and contemplates his freedom and solitude.

"I no longer existed in myself, but in him; I ate for him, breathed for him." (Chapter 12, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin reflects on his loss of personal identity in a past relationship, where his existence revolved around someone else.

"Existence ... must invade you suddenly, master you, weigh heavily on your heart." (Chapter 12, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin experiences a profound awareness of existence, which he finds overwhelming and inescapable.

"I felt my body harden and the Nausea vanish." (Chapter 11, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin experiences a moment of clarity, where his overwhelming feelings of nausea disappear for a short time.

"When his place empties his head empties too.." (Chapter 4, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin observes the café owner, Monsieur Fasquelle, who becomes mentally vacant when the café is quiet.

"I wanted the moments of my life to follow and order themselves like those of a life remembered." (Chapter 12, Antoine Roquentin)

Explanation:

Roquentin says this because he wishes his life could be as clear and organized as memories from the past.