

NICK YOUNG ON LIFE, LOVE, FAMILY & FAILURE

failure

“To my knowledge, I'd never been called a wanker before. I felt whole for the first time.”

life

“Somehow we'd become middle-aged humans too weary to take on big challenges. I wanted to smooth her face. I wanted to ask her if she felt like she belonged in her life.”

family

“I stopped myself from suggesting to her that an actress was not a reliable gauge of human feeling.”

culture

“Bob Marley sang about buffalo soldiers. Why couldn't these kids get their own music.”

failure

“Most of the time I managed to ignore the utter lack of meaning in my life. A fair bit of work I didn't get proper credit for.”

friendship

“The truth hurts, kid. Love's a bitch. And I need to sleep.”

family

“I'd picked an interesting summer to watch my father die.”

persuasion

“I'm going to run your head through a meat grinder if you don't start telling me the truth.”

love

“I was loved on the dance floor. Deliciously lost. I could almost forget that wanting to be needed and being needed were not the same.”

teens

“You go to high school in a wealthy white suburb. You're not allowed to use the phrase working people.”