

Edward Abbey –

I'm a practical romantic. I worry about making a living, raising my three children, getting my wife through college, paying my bills. I've got myself trapped in the same sort of mortgage situation as most other people around. But I have to make a living one way or the other. To that extent I'm a practical man. . . . I do consider myself a romantic. Partially, I suppose, because I'm an idealist. I still think its possible to find some better way to live, both as an individual and as a society. And I have the usual romantic thinking things must be more beautiful beyond the next range of hills. I've been fascinated by the mysterious and unknown. These are romantic traits" ("Resist Much, Obey Little" [1985], Edited by Hepworth and McNamee, pages 102-103).