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'I have been reading "Sons and Lovers" and feel ready to die. If Lawrence had been killed after writing that book he'd still be England's greatest novelist.'

Philip Larkin

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