

# Aidan Chambers

## Quotes

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Reading, Book, Should, Pages, Accused, Sticks, Opportunity, Lovable, Form,  
Important, Knows*

I huff and puff and struggle with every sentence, paragraph and page - sometimes every word as well.

~Aidan Chambers

However much you love somebody, you should always keep a part of yourself to yourself. Never give it all. You can never be yourself otherwise.

~Aidan Chambers

Life is not like a novel, but a novel can be like life. The best ones always are.

~Aidan Chambers

I don't actually think "true love" is such a good term because love can only be true. If it isn't true it can't be love.

~Aidan Chambers

History dies without the present. There is no future without the path made to it by the past.

~Aidan Chambers

There are times when you don't know yourself. There are times when you don't want to know yourself. There are times when you want to be what you have never allowed yourself to be before.

~Aidan Chambers

He thought: How difficult it is to explain yourself to yourself. Sometimes there only is, and no knowing.

~Aidan Chambers

And when someone else speaks your name you feel pleased. You feel wanted. You feel there. Alive. Even if they're saying your name with dislike, at least you know you're you, that you exist.

~Aidan Chambers

Is it better to go with the flow or let the flow go?

~Aidan Chambers

a joy that hurts with sadness a sadness that is pleasurable a pleasure full of terror a terror that excites an excitement that calms a calmness that frightens.

~Aidan Chambers

Readers are made by readers - it is so obvious it is almost banal to say it.

~Aidan Chambers

When you are in your teenage years you are consciously experiencing everything for the first time, so adolescent stories are all beginnings. There are never any endings.

~Aidan Chambers

We resent being faced with facts we'd prefer to ignore as much as being wrongly accused of doing something we haven't.

~Aidan Chambers

If a boy, if a man, asks you if you're all right and you say yes, he'll always believe you and get on with what he wants to do. It's just the way they're made.

~Aidan Chambers

You have to know your own truth and stick to it. And never despair. Never give up. There's always hope.

~Aidan Chambers

Doing anything when you're bored is very very boring. Anyway, doing nothing is the point of being bored. The pleasure of being bored is mooning about and doing nothing.

~Aidan Chambers

Belief means willing yourself to give all your attention to living with loving gladness in the world you think really exists.

~Aidan Chambers

I thought how lovely and how strange a river is.

~Aidan Chambers

The plain unwelcome fact is that sometimes life stymies you.

~Aidan Chambers

The most memorable people in life will be the friends who loved you when you weren't very lovable.

~Aidan Chambers

And the price for being a homo-hater should be as high as anyone can pay.

~Aidan Chambers

The books, the authors who matter the most are those who speak to me and speak for me all those things about life I most need to hear as the confession of myself

~Aidan Chambers

You get to be wiser by storying the world and seeing it through other forms of consciousness than your own.

~Aidan Chambers

And trust dies from ifs and buts

~Aidan Chambers

Self pity is a disease which does not kill but corrodes.

~Aidan Chambers

You become a reader by reading the literature, not by reading the

handbooks about it.

~Aidan Chambers

I cannot live without reading.

~Aidan Chambers

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