

Amy Chua Quotes

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Esteem, School, Mom, Sleep, Practice, Giving Up, Chinese, Independent,
Simple, Tolerance, Father*

Do you know what a foreign accent is? It's a sign of bravery.

~Amy Chua

There's nothing better for building confidence than learning you can do something you thought you couldn't.

~Amy Chua

Tenacious practice, practice, practice is crucial for excellence; rote repetition is underrated in America.

~Amy Chua

Chinese parents believe that their kids owe them everything.

~Amy Chua

I think if you're a 'tiger parent' early on, you don't need to be a 'helicopter parent' in high school.

~Amy Chua

I do play tennis, but I don't really like competition. I'm supposed to be so intense, but I hate competition.

~Amy Chua

Be modest, be humble, be simple. Make sure you come in first so that you have something to be humble about.

~Amy Chua

Instilling a sense of self-discipline and focus when the kids are younger makes it so much easier by the time they get into high school.

~Amy Chua

My goal as a parent is to prepare you for the future, not to make you like me.

~Amy Chua

We all want to do the right thing for our children. We all don't know what that is and we all - you know, you won't know until the future.

~Amy Chua

Kids raised to be pampered and spoiled don't really end up being good leaders. Leaders need to be independent minded and confident.

~Amy Chua

Don't assume your child is weak. If you, the parent, assume that they can't take anymore, what kind of signal are you sending them?

~Amy Chua

Most things are difficult at the beginning and they become fun, something you love, only after you've worked at them.

~Amy Chua

Unlike Western parents, reminding my child of Lord Voldemort didn't bother me.

~Amy Chua

To be honest, I know that a lot of Asian parents are secretly shocked and horrified by many aspects of Western parenting.

~Amy Chua

I say 'I love you' to my daughters every day.

~Amy Chua

I'm a proud strict mom and, you know, I'm really proud of the two daughters I've raised. And I'm especially proud of my relationship with them. We're very close. I think we're good friends.

~Amy Chua

As a purely mathematical fact, people who sleep less live more.

~Amy Chua

There are all kinds of psychological disorders in the West that don't exist in Asia.

~Amy Chua

Never complain or make excuses. If something seems unfair, just prove yourself by working twice as hard and being twice as good.

~Amy Chua

Be modest, be humble, be simple.

~Amy Chua

What Chinese parents understand is that nothing is fun until you're good at it. pg 29

~Amy Chua

Both of my girls have very high self-esteem because they were both able to master certain things; I should think that's good for their confidence.

~Amy Chua

I sort of feel like people are not that honest about their own parenting. Take any teenage household; tell me there is not yelling and conflict.

~Amy Chua

I think there are many ways to raise great kids. From what I can tell, Ayelet Waldman's kids are interesting, strong, and happy, and if that's the case, that's good parenting.

~Amy Chua

Questioning authority is, I think, a great thing to instill in children. I just didn't have enough of that when I was little.

~Amy Chua

A Western upbringing tends to stress questioning authority, which is

always asking why, why, why.

~Amy Chua

Nothing is fun until you're good at it.

~Amy Chua

You know, parenting is so personal. And we're all afraid that we didn't quite get it right. And it feels like the stakes are so high. By we - what if we made a mistake?

~Amy Chua

You can't invent Google, Facebook or the iPod unless you've mastered the basics, are willing to put in long hours and can pick yourself up from the floor when life knocks you down the first 10 times.

~Amy Chua

Everything I've ever done that's valuable is something I was afraid to try.

~Amy Chua

I'm suggesting that, ironically, the secret to becoming a world 'hyperpower' is tolerance. If you look at history, you see great powers being very tolerant in their rise to global dominance.

~Amy Chua

I worry that by losing my temper so much and being so harsh and yelling so much that, by example, I will have taught my daughters to be that way, and I'm now constantly telling them not to do that.

~Amy Chua

Oddly enough, I'm not a particularly judgmental person. I just don't have a lot of filtering when I'm in 'tiger mother' mode. I say what comes into my head.

~Amy Chua

Parenting cannot just be one size fits all.

~Amy Chua

But just because you love something, I added to myself, doesn't mean you'll ever be great. Not if you don't work. Most people stink at the things they love.

~Amy Chua

When my kids wanted to give up on things, I wouldn't let them, and those are lifelong lessons.

~Amy Chua

Everything I do as a mother builds on a foundation of love and compassion.

~Amy Chua

Tiger parenting is all about raising independent, creative, courageous kids. In America today, there's a dangerous tendency to romanticize creativity in a way that may undermine it.

~Amy Chua

I'm a slave to my dogs and go out with them almost every day. They are poorly behaved if they don't run. They really act up.

~Amy Chua

All decent parents want to do what's best for their children. The Chinese just have a totally different idea of how to do that.

~Amy Chua

The Chinese mom is not the helicopter mom. I would never do their homework for them. It's all about: Take responsibility, don't blame others. Be self-reliant. Never blame the teacher.

~Amy Chua

The truth is I'm not good at enjoying life.

~Amy Chua

Every day that you don't practice is a day you're getting worse.

~Amy Chua

The Romans thought of themselves as the chosen people, yet they built the greatest army on Earth by recruiting warriors from any background.

~Amy Chua

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