

# Ann Brashares

## Quotes

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Love You, Remember, Girl, Long, Together, Trying, Ideas, Feelings, Want,  
Heart, Character*

I love that blurry place where life's transitions are made without you even knowing it.

~Ann Brashares

You couldn't erase the past. You couldn't even change it. But sometimes life offered you the opportunity to put it right.

~Ann Brashares

When you feel someone else's pain and joy as powerfully as if it were your own, then you know you really loved them.

~Ann Brashares

When your about to criticize someone walk a mile in thier shoes, that way when you criticize them you're a mile away from them and you have their shoes

~Ann Brashares

When she is happy, she can't stop talking, when she is sad she doesn't say a word.

~Ann Brashares

Maybe the truth is, there's a little bit of loser in all of us. Being happy isn't having everything in your life be perfect. Maybe it's about stringing together all the little things.

~Ann Brashares

Your problem isn't the problem, it's your attitude about the problem.

~Ann Brashares

Love is like war; easy to begin, hard to end.

~Ann Brashares

The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem. Got that? -Coach Brevin

~Ann Brashares

I look back on my 20s. It's supposed to be the prime of your life, the most vital, the most beautiful. But you're making your critical decisions and sometimes your most critical mistakes.

~Ann Brashares

The path of your life can change in an instant.

~Ann Brashares

A loving soul was always more beautiful over the long haul, but actual prettiness was fleeting.

~Ann Brashares

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday.

~Ann Brashares

She thought she was independent and strong, but she got one small taste of love and she was hungrier than anyone. She was ravenous.

~Ann Brashares

She spilled rice on my knee, and she smiled. I wanted her to spill a thousand things on me, lava, acid, bricks, anything, and smile each time

~Ann Brashares

People sometimes talk about the power of first impressions, and believe me, there is truth to it.

~Ann Brashares

Parents were the only ones obligated to love you; from the rest of the world you had to earn it.

~Ann Brashares

There was love expressed in the places you usually forget to look.

~Ann Brashares

Let me love you, but don't love me back. Do love me and let me hate you for a while. Let me feel like I have some control, because I know I never do.

~Ann Brashares

Show me a girl with her feet planted firmly on the ground and I'll show you a girl who can't put her pants on. -Annik Marchand

~Ann Brashares

You know what the secret is? It's so simple. We love one another. We're nice to one another. Do you know how rare that is? - Carmen

~Ann Brashares

When you remembered to forget, you were remembering. It was when you forgot to forget that you forgot.

~Ann Brashares

I always interpret coincidences as little clues to our destiny

~Ann Brashares

I did the searching and remembering, she did the disappearing and the forgetting.

~Ann Brashares

She kept walking. The very small, brave part of her brain knew that this would be her one chance. If she turned around, she would lose it.

~Ann Brashares

There was nothing new in sitting on this dock, on this or that wooden bench, watching for his boat to come. In some ways, she was always waiting for him.

~Ann Brashares

Don't talk to me. I'm tired and grumpy and I'll probably make fun of you.

~Ann Brashares

One must have a good memory to keep the promises one has made.

~Ann Brashares

Daniel?" "Yes." "Did you ever think we were meant not to be together?"  
"No. We are meant to be together. We are just meant to want it very badly.

~Ann Brashares

Please don't judge me too much until you are older and know more things. (Spoken from mother to daughter)

~Ann Brashares

My household is, in a nice way, very busy.

~Ann Brashares

She was alive, and they were dead. She had to try to make her life big. As big as she could. She promised Bailey she would keep playing.

~Ann Brashares

But certain souls cohere. It's rare but possible. But it takes two powerful wills to make it so.

~Ann Brashares

Knowing where she was in the world, even if he never touched her, gave him a deep satisfaction, and he half despised himself for being satisfied with so little.

~Ann Brashares

We forgive and forget. At least I forgive and he forgets.

~Ann Brashares

Life isn't just fair. It's just fairer than death, that's all. -William Goldman

~Ann Brashares

Maybe there is more truth in how you feel than in what actually happens.

~Ann Brashares

Sometimes he felt sure that the key to happiness was a poor memory.

~Ann Brashares

Some things have to be believed to be seen. -Ralph Hodgson

~Ann Brashares

No matter how far back you cut a willow tree, it will never really die.

~Ann Brashares

Please believe him. Keep your heart open to him. He can make you happy. He has always loved you, and you once loved him with all your heart.

~Ann Brashares

She had willed her heart to stay small and contained, but it wouldn't be. Oh, well.

~Ann Brashares

Different people were good at different things, Lena mused. Lena was good at writing thank-you notes, for instance, and Effie was good at being happy.

~Ann Brashares

She had to have faith not just in trying but in failing. Was she strong

enough to fail Was she strong enough not to

~Ann Brashares

She wondered if maybe tragedy was what it took to make your heart capable of admitting a new member.

~Ann Brashares

Do you have any idea how much I've loved you?

~Ann Brashares

She had never had a boy talk to her like that. There was no cover of bullshit, no flirtation, no added charm, but his look was searing. He was different from anyone she had known.

~Ann Brashares

When there is nothing, there is the possibility of everything.

~Ann Brashares

I dont really write with the idea of trying to teach any lessons. I want to tell a story as truthfully and engagingly as I can, and then let the chips fall where they may.

~Ann Brashares

Grief was like a newborn, and the first three months were hard as hell, but by six months you'd recognized defeat, shifted your life around, and made room for it.

~Ann Brashares

There are going to be moments of deep, deep doubts, and you have to have faith that your initial idea was good and just muddle through.

~Ann Brashares

I allowed myself to suffer how jarringly destructive the present feels and how fragile the past.

~Ann Brashares

How could you cleanse yourself if you couldn't forget?

~Ann Brashares

When I turned fifteen, I remember my father gave me a credit card which I was allowed to use for two things: emergencies and books.

~Ann Brashares

She was astonished, and at the same time she knew. There were many things in life like that. You couldn't imagine it, and then it happened and you couldn't really imagine it hadn't.

~Ann Brashares

Sometimes it is a relief to be invisible

~Ann Brashares

The dreams weren't as pleasing when they had no chance of coming true

~Ann Brashares

some people fall in love over and over again while some people can only do it once.

~Ann Brashares

The phone was her worst enemy and her best friend but she never knew which until she answered it.

~Ann Brashares

Carmen was bad at loving. She loved too hard.

~Ann Brashares

He no longer represented someday a possibility. He represented a road not taken a road that suddenly shot so far into the distance she couldn't



see it anymore.

~Ann Brashares

The present no matter what I brought couldn't change the past. The Past was set and sealed.

~Ann Brashares

Age is not so much a feature of your character, as the spot where you stand for a pretty fleeting time on the arc of your life.

~Ann Brashares

Love yourself and your friends unconditionally .

~Ann Brashares

A tree is such a rich metaphor in a million beautiful ways. You can consider a tree growing and consider its connectedness to all things above and under the ground.

~Ann Brashares

As much as I'm drawn to writing about teenage girls, I like the idea of having the freedom to branch out and write about different ages, for different ages.

~Ann Brashares

To write a story, I think you really have to open yourself up to the world.

~Ann Brashares

The distinction has blurred between young adult and adult books. Some of the teen books have become more sophisticated.

~Ann Brashares

It's so much easier to have no expectations than to have big ones.

~Ann Brashares

Gestating characters feels something like the mental equivalent of gestating a baby. In both cases, to create them you lose yourself. Or at least you reshape yourself to encompass them.

~Ann Brashares

I agree that a love of reading is a great gift for a parent to pass on to his or her child.

~Ann Brashares

Developing characters is a strange thing. In the beginning they are abstract and I wonder how to move on from there.

~Ann Brashares

There are some people who fall in love over and over.

~Ann Brashares

As a writer, you live in such isolation. It's hard to imagine your book has a life beyond you.

~Ann Brashares

He's had a lot of chances to care, and he hasn't.

~Ann Brashares

Particularly beautiful people were like particularly funny-looking people, though. Once you know them you mostly forgot about it.

~Ann Brashares

You carry your past with you even if you don't remember any of it.

~Ann Brashares

Tibby's wish would be to hold on to the idea of love even in the face of darkest doubt. Because that was the way in which she failed. Not once, but again and again.

~Ann Brashares

Everyone is fragile. Everything beautiful is fragile

~Ann Brashares

You forget your victories, but you remember the losses.

~Ann Brashares

Everything good requires sacrifices.

~Ann Brashares

She wanted him to notice her so much.

~Ann Brashares

If you ever meet a guy and you fall in love with him, but because of some weird genetic mutation he doesn't seem to return the feeling?...  
Wear that dress.

~Ann Brashares

I'm dying with you before I'm living without you.

~Ann Brashares

Sex could be a blissful communion,. But it could also be a weapon, and its absence, sometimes, was required for the establishment of peace.

~Ann Brashares

But there were times when you felt miserable and you wanted to feel better, and other times when you felt miserable and you figured you would just keep on feeling miserable.

~Ann Brashares

But it was smell that carried memory.

~Ann Brashares

She must have sensed she never really had him. That was a sadness of hers, he knew.

~Ann Brashares

You should find him because he loves you.

~Ann Brashares

But I know this. We're ready to move forward again in our way. Together or apart, no matter how far apart, we live in one another. We go on together.

~Ann Brashares

Blood may be thicker than water, but friendship is thicker than both.

~Ann Brashares

I did love her. I've loved her from the first time I saw her.

~Ann Brashares

Forget Jack, I'm in love with the cold, dirt floor.

~Ann Brashares

How terrible would it be to just wait there pathetically alone for him never to show up?" Eudoxia's expression grew more serious. "That's what you're doing anyway, my dear.

~Ann Brashares

You surround yourself with your pain or you avoid it and let it find you when you are trying to do other things

~Ann Brashares

I think pants have unique qualities, especially in a woman's life. Whatever bodily insecurities we have, we seem to take out on our pants.

~Ann Brashares

He just wanted to look at her and know her life was marching along

under the same arch of time and space as he is.

~Ann Brashares

You hold on to old experiences: injuries, injustices, and great love affairs, too. And you hold them in your joints and your organs, and wear them on your skin.

~Ann Brashares

He didn't seem to realize that three excuses was as good as no excuse.

~Ann Brashares

It was like a dream you might have after death in which lost people came back to life, your friends loved you again no matter what you had done, and your failures were unaccountably forgiven.

~Ann Brashares

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