

Audrey Niffenegger Quotes

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Mother, World, Girl, Names, Pain, Real, Dark, Sleep, Heart, Looks*

Don't you think it's better to be extremely happy for a short while, even if you lose it, than to be just okay for your whole life?

~Audrey Niffenegger

The pain has left but I know that it has not gone far, that it is sulking somewhere in a corner or under the bed and it will jump out when I least expect it.

~Audrey Niffenegger

There is only one page left to write on. I will fill it with words of only one syllable. I love. I have loved. I will love.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Listen, sometimes when you finally find out, you realize that you were much better off not knowing.

~Audrey Niffenegger

It's hard being left behind. (...) It's hard to be the one who stays.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Sleep is my lover now, my forgetting, my opiate, my oblivion.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I won't ever leave you, even though you're always leaving me.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Love the world and yourself in it, move through it as though it offers no resistance, as though the world is your natural element.

~Audrey Niffenegger

It's dark now and I am very tired. I love you, always. Time is nothing.

~Audrey Niffenegger

we both smile and we are conspirators.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I'm bored with knitting. I've taken up arson.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I wanted someone to love who would stay: stay and be there, always.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Why is love intensified by absence?

~Audrey Niffenegger

He had never realized, while Elspeth was alive, the extent to which a thing had not completely happened until he told her about it.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I'm sorry. I didn't know you were coming or I'd have cleaned up a little more. My life, I mean, not just the apartment.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Sometimes a thing is "too much" and it has to be isolated and put away." Martin shrugged. "So what's in the boxes is "emotion. In the form of objects."-Her Fearful Symmetry

~Audrey Niffenegger

When we met I was wrecked, blasted, and damned, and I am slowly pulling myself together because I can see that you are a human being and I would like to be one, too.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I'm at a loss because I am in love with a man who is standing before me with no memories of me at all. (Time Traveler's Wife)

~Audrey Niffenegger

Think for a minute, darling: in fairy tales it's always the children who

have the fine adventures. The mothers have to stay at home and wait for the children to fly in the window.

~Audrey Niffenegger

"Why do you have a cigarette lighter in your glove compartment?" her husband, Jack, asked her. "I'm bored with knitting. I've taken up arson

~Audrey Niffenegger

We laugh and laugh, and nothing can ever be sad, no one can be lost, or dead, or far away: right now we are here, and nothing can mar our perfection, or steal the joy of this perfect moment.

~Audrey Niffenegger

When somebody is that patient, you have to feel grateful, and then you want to hurt them. Does that make any sense?

~Audrey Niffenegger

The compelling thing about making art - or making anything, I suppose - is the moment when the vaporous, insubstantial idea becomes a solid there, a thing, a substance in a world of substances.

~Audrey Niffenegger

â€šshe smiles in an exhausted but warm sort of way, as though she is a brilliant sun in some other galaxy

~Audrey Niffenegger

I never understood why Clark Kent was so hell bent on keeping Lois Lane in the dark.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Chaos is more freedom; in fact, total freedom. But no meaning.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I have a sort of Christmas-morning sense of the library as a big box full

of beautiful books.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Chaos is more freedom; in fact, total freedom. But no meaning. I want to be free to act, and I also want my actions to mean something.

~Audrey Niffenegger

He is coming, and I am here.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I love. I have loved. I will love.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I think about my mother singing after lunch on a Summer afternoon, twirling in blue dress across the floor of her dressing room

~Audrey Niffenegger

There was only the cemetery itself, spread out in the moonlight like a soft grey hallucination, a stony wilderness of Victorian melancholy.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Sometimes I'm happy when he's gone, but I'm always happy when he returns. -Clare

~Audrey Niffenegger

In the dim light of the computer screen he seemed otherworldly; Julia thought him beautiful, though she knew it was the beauty of damage.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Do you ever miss him? Every day. Every minute. Every minute, she says. Yes, it's that way, isn't it?

~Audrey Niffenegger

You can still be cool when you're dead. In fact, it's much easier,

because you aren't getting old and fat and losing your hair.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I keep myself busy. Time goes faster that way.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I sometimes end up in dangerous situations, and I come back to you broken and messed up, and you worry about me when I'm gone. It's like marrying a policeman.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Time passes and the pain begins to roll in and out as though it's a woman standing at an ironing board, passing the iron back and forth, back and forth across a white tablecloth.

~Audrey Niffenegger

What we need,' Henry says, 'is a fresh start. A blank slate. Let's call her Tabula Rasa.

~Audrey Niffenegger

He thanked her and left the house in the mood of a shipwrecked man who has allowed the rescue ship to pass him by.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I think play must have been invented so we wouldn't go mad thinking about certain things.

~Audrey Niffenegger

When it's over you look up: the world looks the same but you are somehow different and that feeling lingers for days.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I feel that I an everything to her.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Mama said, "Dreams are different to real life but important too."

~Audrey Niffenegger

It was silly, wasn't it? But the singing made it not silly.

~Audrey Niffenegger

absence can be present, like a damaged nerve, like a dark bird

~Audrey Niffenegger

When the woman you live with is an artist, every day is a surprise.

~Audrey Niffenegger

...and I suddenly feel that Henry is there, incredible need for Henry to be there and to put his hand on me even while it seems to me that Henry is the rain and I am alone and wanting him - Clare

~Audrey Niffenegger

Henry loves my hair almost as though it is a creature unto itself, as though it has a soul to call its own, as though it could love him back.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Now I wonder if it means that the future is a place, or like a place, that I could go to; that is go to in some way other than just getting older.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I hate to be where she is not, when she is not. And yet, I am always going. - Henry deTamble

~Audrey Niffenegger

But as usual there's no answer to this. As usual, that's just how it is.

~Audrey Niffenegger

What are you doing?" Nothing. Breaking and entering. Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.

~Audrey Niffenegger

My apartment is basically a couch, an armchair, and about four thousand books.

~Audrey Niffenegger

You're the oddest person I've ever met, you couldn't get rid of me if you tried.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I breathe slowly and deeply. I make my eyes still under eyelids, I make my mind still, and soon, Sleep, seeing a perfect reproduction of himself, comes to be united with his facsimile.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Love you..." Henry-" Always..." Oh God oh God-" World enough..." No!"
And time..." Henry!

~Audrey Niffenegger

There's always world enough and time.

~Audrey Niffenegger

And Clare, always Clare.

~Audrey Niffenegger

one of the best and the most painful things about time traveling has been the opportunity to see my mother alive.

~Audrey Niffenegger

The cure might be worse than the problem

~Audrey Niffenegger

Clare seems so pleased with the idea of me as a pirate that she forgets that I am Stranger Danger.

~Audrey Niffenegger

He would say her name over and over until it devolved into meaningless sounds - mah REI kuh, mah REI kuh - it became an entry in a dictionary of loneliness.

~Audrey Niffenegger

...all of our laments could not add a single second to her life, not one additional beat of the heart, nor a breath.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Maybe I'm dreaming you. Maybe you're dreaming me; maybe we only exist in each other's dreams and every morning when we wake up we forget all about each other.

~Audrey Niffenegger

He looks sad. Or maybe that's just how he looks when he isn't doing something else with his face.

~Audrey Niffenegger

What is more basic than the need to be known? It is the entirety of intimacy, the elixir of love, this knowing.

~Audrey Niffenegger

That's the thing about living vicariously; it's so much faster than actual living. In a few minutes we'll be worrying about names for the children.

~Audrey Niffenegger

My reflection in the mirror shows me pink and puffy. I thought pregnant women were supposed to glow. I am not glowing.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Everything seems simple until you think about it.

~Audrey Niffenegger

CLARE: The library is cool and smells like carpet cleaner, although all I can see is marble.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Each spine was an encapsulated memory, each book represented hours, days of pleasure, of immersion into words.

~Audrey Niffenegger

My family isn't posh; they're musicians.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Is it sad to fancy David Tennant when you're dead?

~Audrey Niffenegger

I guess no matter what your family is like, you're not surprised.

~Audrey Niffenegger

That's what alcoholics do. It's in their job description: fall apart and then keep falling apart.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I've noticed that Henry needs an incredible amount of physical activity all the time in order to be happy. It's like hanging out with a greyhound.

~Audrey Niffenegger

He was not in the house. He did not come back that night. Days went by, and at last she understood that he would not return at all.

~Audrey Niffenegger

â€žI never wanted to have anything in my life that I couldn't stand losing. But it's too late for that.

~Audrey Niffenegger

It comes out so quietly that I have to ask her to repeat it: â€œIt's just

that I thought maybe you were married to me.

~Audrey Niffenegger

Our love has been the thread through the labyrinth, the net under the high-wire walker, the only real thing in this strange life of mine that I could ever trust.

~Audrey Niffenegger

But you make me happy. It's living up to being happy that's the difficult part.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I don't want to boss anyone and I don't want to be bossed.

~Audrey Niffenegger

We are often insane with happiness. We are also very unhappy for reasons neither of us can do anything about. Like being separated.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I look at him, look at the book, remember, this book, this moment, the first book I ever loved

~Audrey Niffenegger

It's funny how we like labels. If I ever have a bookstore, I'm not going to put any labels on the sections.

~Audrey Niffenegger

I place my hands over her ears and tip her head back, and kiss her, and try to put my heart into hers, for safekeeping, in case I lose it again.

~Audrey Niffenegger

that's what I love you for: your inability to perceive all my hideous flaws

~Audrey Niffenegger

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