

# Benjamin Alire Saenz

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Sometimes, Fake People, Men, Want, Different, Mean, Smile, Rain, Son,  
Beautiful, Confused*

The heart can get really cold if all you've known is winter.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

The summer sun was not meant for boys like me. Boys like me belonged to the rain.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I didn't think it was my job to accept what everyone said I was and who I should be.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I wondered about the science of storms and how sometimes it seemed that a storm wanted to break the world and how the world refused to break.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

Another secret of the universe: Sometimes pain was like a storm that came out of nowhere. The clearest summer could end in a downpour. Could end in lightning and thunder.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I wondered if my smile was as big as hers. Maybe as big. But not as beautiful.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

Mostly, I think people are fake. Well, what do you expect? The fake world we live in conspires to make us all fakes.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I wondered what that was like, to hold someone's hand. I bet you could sometimes find all of the mysteries of the universe in someone's hand.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

Words were different when they lived inside of you.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I think writing books is a way for me to work out certain issues. I write about what matters to me, always.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I got to thinking that poems were like people. Some people you got right off the bat. Some people you just didn't get--and never would get.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

If you want to be a writer, you don't want to live in a comfortable place.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

If you can quit for a day, you can quit for a lifetime.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

You are thirst and thirst is all I know

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

Water was something he loved, something he respected. He understood its beauty and its dangers. He talked about swimming as if it were a way of life.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

But love was always something heavy for me. Something I had to carry.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

I do that with all of my characters. They have one of the flaws I have, and I zero in on that flaw.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

Young men and women come of age when they look at their parents and see them not only as their parents but as people. They gain a lot of

compassion, and it's easier to accept their flaws.

~Benjamin Alire Saenz

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