

Bret Easton Ellis

Quotes

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We buy balloons, we let them go.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I have to return some videotapes

~Bret Easton Ellis

The better you look, the more you see.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Writing a novel is not method acting and I find it easy to step out of it at cocktail hour.

~Bret Easton Ellis

No one ever likes the right person.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Is evil something you are? Or is it something you do?

~Bret Easton Ellis

Why was I holding on to something that would never be mine? But isn't that what people do?

~Bret Easton Ellis

But this was what happened when you didn't want to visit and confront the past: the past starts visiting and confronting you.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I like the idea of a writer being haunted by his own creation, especially if the writer resents the way the character defines him.

~Bret Easton Ellis

And as the elevator descends, passing the second floor, and the first floor, going even father down, I realize that the money doesn't matter. That all that does is that I want to see the worst

~Bret Easton Ellis

Sex is mathematics. Individuality no longer an issue. What does intelligence signify? Define reason. Desire - meaningless. Intellect is not a cure. Justice is dead.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Baby, when you were young and your heart was an open book, you used to say live and let live. You know you did, you know you did, you know you did.

~Bret Easton Ellis

What does that mean know me, know me, nobody ever knows anybody else, ever! You will never know me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Every book for me is an exorcism in some way or another, working through my feelings at the time.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Disintegration---I'm taking it in stride.

~Bret Easton Ellis

The seeds of love have taken hold and if we won't burn together, I'll burn alone.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I want to moan and writhe with you and I want to go up to you and kiss your mouth and pull you to me and say "I love you I love you I love you" while stripping. I want you so bad it stings.

~Bret Easton Ellis

And it struck me then, that I liked Sean because he looked, well, slutty. A boy who had been around. A boy who couldn't remember if he was

Catholic or not.

~Bret Easton Ellis

By the time you finish reading this sentence, a Boeing jetliner will take off or land somewhere in the world.

~Bret Easton Ellis

When the going gets tough, the tough go drinking.

~Bret Easton Ellis

All of my books come from pain.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Disappear Here. The syringe fills with blood. You're a beautiful boy and that's all that matters. Wonder if he's for sale. People are afraid to merge. To merge.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Greed is good. Sex is easy. Youth is forever.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Not being able to find meaning can be just as powerful as finding meaning.

~Bret Easton Ellis

...if you're alone nothing bad can happen to you.

~Bret Easton Ellis

My pain is constant and sharp, and I do not hope for a better world for anyone.

~Bret Easton Ellis

After a while you learn that everything stops.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I feel I'm moving toward as well as away from something, and anything is possible.

~Bret Easton Ellis

You learn to move on without the people you love.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Why would I care what other people are thinking? I don't care what an audience thinks of me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I think in life, there are certain choices you make that are timeless and universal, and don't necessarily have anything to do with the particulars of a certain decade.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Look how black the sky is, the writer said. I made it that way.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Our lives are not all interconnected. That theory is a crock. Some people truly do not need to be here.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I went to college in Vermont, and then stayed in the East Coast.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I totally relate to Tom Cruise. He's not crazy, it's just the litany of the mid-life crisis.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I'm on the verge of tears by the time we arrive at Pastels since I'm positive we won't get seated but the table is good, and relief that is almost tidal in scope washes over me in an awesome wave.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I want to take you away from this," I say, motioning around the kitchen, spastic. "From sushi and elves and... STUFF.

~Bret Easton Ellis

but I don't want to wear a condom because I don't feel anything," and she says calmly... glaring at me,"If you don't use one you're not going to feel anything anyway.

~Bret Easton Ellis

But this road doesn't go anywhere,â€• I told him. â€œThat doesn't matter.â€• â€œWhat does?â€• I asked, after a little while. â€œJust that we're on it, dude,â€• he said.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Price. You're priceless.

~Bret Easton Ellis

History is sinking and only a very few seem dimly aware that things are getting bad.

~Bret Easton Ellis

You don't market-research a novel; you really are writing it for yourself. It's a hobby, in many ways. The problem becomes what you do when you're confronted by criticism. You just don't listen to it.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I wasn't acting on passion. I was simply acting.

~Bret Easton Ellis

How could she ever understand that there isn't any way could be disappointed since I no longer find anything worth looking forward to?

~Bret Easton Ellis

No one will ever know anyone. We just have to deal with each other.

You're not ever gonna know me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Do you wear a diaphragm everywhere you go?' I want to scream, but stop myself because the idea really excites me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

People are afraid to merge.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Life is like a typographical error: we're constantly writing and rewriting things over each other.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I think we've all lost some kind of feeling.

~Bret Easton Ellis

The Smiths are singing and someone says "Turn that gay angst music off.

~Bret Easton Ellis

No one is drawn to writing about being happy or feelings of joy.

~Bret Easton Ellis

If I want to write a movie, I'll write a screenplay, but if I have an idea for a book, it's something that I think can only be done novelistically.

~Bret Easton Ellis

There's no grand plan. All I know is that I write the books I want to write. All that other stuff is meaningless to me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I don't want to care. If I care about things, it'll just be worse, it'll just be another thing to worry about. It's less painful if I don't care.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I think a lot of snowflakes are alike...and I think a lot of people are alike too.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I really believe that readers are smart and sophisticated enough to realize that the author is not the narrator of his novels.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I've forgotten who I had lunch with earlier, and even more important, where.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I write books to relieve Â-myself of pain. That's the prime motivator to write. Period.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Writing a novel that works is an extremely difficult thing to do. It requires a level of skill and dedication that always surprises me.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I needed something--the distraction of another life--to alleviate fear.

~Bret Easton Ellis

People can get accustomed to anything, right? Habit does things to people.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I think my sensibility is very literary; all my books were built as books, and I wasn't thinking about them being movies.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I think basically most men are misogynistic.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I don't know why I write what I write.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I have no problems or issues with screenwriting in general.

~Bret Easton Ellis

And," Price adds, smiling, "if another round of Bellinis comes within a twenty-foot radius of our table we are going to set the maitre d' on fire. So you know, warn him.

~Bret Easton Ellis

What keeps me interested--and it always does--is how can she be a bad actress on film but a good one in reality?

~Bret Easton Ellis

But... what about us? What about the past?" she asks blankly. "The past isn't real. it's just a dream," I say. "Don't mention the past.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Women aren't very bright," Rip says. "Studies have been done.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I like to dissect girls. Did you know I'm utterly insane?

~Bret Easton Ellis

You really write the books you want to write. You can't take into consideration anything that anybody has said about you in the past, or what they'll say about you in the future.

~Bret Easton Ellis

The numbing lists of things you were supposed to have as an American to make you happy, which ultimately, of course, don't. Those aren't the

things that make you happy.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I laugh maniacally, then take a deep breath and touch my chest-expecting a heart to be thumping quickly, impatiently, but there's nothing there, not even a beat.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Completely committed to adapting 'Fifty Shades of Grey'. This is not a joke. Christian Grey and Ana: potentially great cinematic characters.

~Bret Easton Ellis

It's the rare book that's able to transport you in a way that a movie does.

~Bret Easton Ellis

If you come at movies with your own sense of morality and not your own sense of aesthetics, I think you're screwed. I think that's not a way to look at movies.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Hope E.L. James doesn't think I'm being a prankster. I really want to adapt her novels for the screen. Christian Grey is a writer's dream.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Exploitation is a harsh word, I know that, but on a certain level, to me that is the central Hollywood story.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Fear never shows up and the party ends early.

~Bret Easton Ellis

The images I had were of people being driven mad by living in the city. Images of parents who were so hungry and unfulfilled that they ate their

own children.

~Bret Easton Ellis

And as things fell apart, nobody paid much attention

~Bret Easton Ellis

I'm into, oh murders and executions mostly. It depends.

~Bret Easton Ellis

With "Taipei" Tao Lin becomes the most interesting prose stylist of his generation...

~Bret Easton Ellis

It's because you're always fighting sentiment. You're fighting sentimentality all of the time because being a mother alerts you in such a primal way.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Open the hood of a car and it will tell you something about the people who designed it, is just one of many phrases I'm tortured by.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Unless you're the director on the movie, or putting up the money for the movie, you really don't have a lot of control.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I do not feel I have a legacy to protect.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Writing fiction is an act of imagination and fantasizing, and it's not relating in prose what you've been doing for the last two or three years.

~Bret Easton Ellis

What else is there to do in college except drink beer or slit one's wrists?

~Bret Easton Ellis

I tried to make meat loaf out of the girl but it becomes too frustrating a task and instead I spend the afternoon smearing her meat all over the walls, chewing on strips of skin I ripped from her body

~Bret Easton Ellis

I could stay living in this city if they just installed Blaupunkts in the cabs.

~Bret Easton Ellis

My pain is constant and sharp...this confession has meant nothing

~Bret Easton Ellis

what's right? If you want something, you have the right to take it. If you want to do something, you have the right to do it.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Rock 'n' roll. Deal with it.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I convinced myself I hadn't seen anything, ... I had done this many times before ... I was adept at erasing reality.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I've never written an autobiographical novel in my life. I've never touched upon my life. I've never written a single scene that I can say took place.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I am gripped by an existential panic.

~Bret Easton Ellis

Everyone I know who is successful has issues with their father,

regardless of whether it was sports or business or entertainment.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I've been accused of being very vain about my apathy.

~Bret Easton Ellis

I feel like I'm not smart enough to answer the questions I'm asked.

~Bret Easton Ellis

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