

# Candace Bushnell

## Quotes

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Love, Book, House, Home, Party, Firsts, Fire, Falling In Love, I Can*

Some people are settling down, some people are settling and some people refuse to settle for anything less than butterflies.

~Candace Bushnell

Maybe some women aren't meant to be tamed. Maybe they just need to run free until they find someone just as wild to run with them. -Carrie Bradshaw

~Candace Bushnell

My decorating and renovation skills are nil - indeed, I once used a shower curtain from Pottery Barn as 'window dressing.

~Candace Bushnell

Man may have discovered fire, but women discovered how to play with it.

~Candace Bushnell

Just because something doesn't last forever, it doesn't mean it wasn't meaningful while it did last. It doesn't mean it wasn't important.

~Candace Bushnell

From my experience, honey, if he seems too good to be trueâ€”he probably is.

~Candace Bushnell

Better alone than badly accompanied.

~Candace Bushnell

Well in the book Carrie was my alter ego. In real life, Sarah Jessica and I don't look anything alike. But people do say that we sound alike. Sarah Jessica is an adorable girl and she is very funny.

~Candace Bushnell

Thank goodness for the first snow, it was a reminder--no matter how

old you became and how much you'd seen, things could still be new if you were willing to believe they still mattered.

~Candace Bushnell

Maybe our girlfriends are our soulmates and guys are just people to have fun with.

~Candace Bushnell

You don't have to do everything by the time you're 30. Or 40. All you need is a work ethic. It's what allows you to push through moments of disappointment and self-doubt and fear.

~Candace Bushnell

As I'm writing, certain things become clear to me and certain things begin to feel right and make sense. The pieces start to fall into place.

~Candace Bushnell

I think, when men tell women to lose weight, it's a diversion from their own lack of size in certain areas.

~Candace Bushnell

Whoever we are here, we might be princesses somewhere else. Or writers. Or scientists. Or presidents. Or whatever the hell we want to be that everyone else says we can't.

~Candace Bushnell

Guys are like dogs: they never notice if you've changed your hair, but they can sense when there's another guy sniffing around their territory

~Candace Bushnell

I actually don't shop very much. I have a tendency to rotate a few pairs of ripped jeans and an old cashmere sweater.

~Candace Bushnell

The '90s are really the 'Sex and the City' woman, and I think, right now, the new contemporary woman is the 'Lipstick Jungle' woman.

~Candace Bushnell

The world is full of people who all want the same thing, and you have to do a little something extra to make them remember you.

~Candace Bushnell

The heart wants what the heart wants," she says, somewhat cryptically. I purse my lips in disapproval. "You'd think the heart would know better.

~Candace Bushnell

Patent leather wedges-they were big when I went to prom!

~Candace Bushnell

There is a thin line between attraction and repulsion

~Candace Bushnell

I sometimes read in a gossip column that I was at a party when I was in Europe at the time. It sometimes feels I've got a Doppelganger somewhere.

~Candace Bushnell

The most important thing to strive for in life is some kind of personal and professional achievement. Not as a man or a woman, but as a person.

~Candace Bushnell

There's a brief moment when you first wake up, where you have no memories. A blissful blank slate, a happy emptiness.

~Candace Bushnell

You have to let go of who you were, to become who you will be.

~Candace Bushnell

If you smile, even if you're feeling bad, the action of the muscles will trick your brain into thinking you're happy

~Candace Bushnell

You can get used to anything, I guess, if you've been there enough.

~Candace Bushnell

Maybe all men are a drug. Sometimes they bring you down and sometimes, like now, they get you so high.

~Candace Bushnell

The universe may not always play fair, but at least it's got a hell of a sense of humor.

~Candace Bushnell

In life, there are only four kinds of girls: The girl who played with fire. The girl who opened Pandora's Box. The girl who gave Adam the apple. And the girl whose best friend stole her boyfriend.

~Candace Bushnell

sometimes the best thing to do is to pretend it didn't happen

~Candace Bushnell

And if you were always spending your time getting over your past, how were you supposed to get on with your future?

~Candace Bushnell

Women with money and women in power are two uncomfortable ideas in our society.

~Candace Bushnell

Life gives you lots of chances to screw up which means you have just

as many chances to get it right.

~Candace Bushnell

I don't go to parties to meet men. I go to parties to stand in a corner and watch people.

~Candace Bushnell

Money follows art. Money wants what it can't buy. Class and talent. And remember while there's a talent for making money, it takes real talent to know how to spend it.

~Candace Bushnell

I make mistakes. That's what I do. I speak without thinking, I act without knowing. I drink so much that I can barely walk...I'm a fantastic lover though, and an amazing friend. God knows I mean well.

~Candace Bushnell

Happiness comes out of being willing to do your work in your twenties to find out who you are, what you love.

~Candace Bushnell

A glittering disco ball spins from the ceiling, but the music is something I've never heard, discordant and haunting and insistent, the kind of music that demands you dance.

~Candace Bushnell

Love is dangerous, if you know it's dangerous, that makes you treasure it, and you'll work harder to keep it.

~Candace Bushnell

And the sooner you do the right thing, the better. You get it over with, and you don't have to worry about it anymore. But who does that in real life?

~Candace Bushnell

Rule number three: Best friends always think you deserve the best guy even if the best guy barely knows you exist.

~Candace Bushnell

He leans over and kisses me. And suddenly, my life splits in two: before and after.

~Candace Bushnell

Love is spiritual. It's about self-sacrifice and commitment. And discipline. You cannot have true love without discipline and respect. When you lose the respect of your spouse, you've lost everything.

~Candace Bushnell

We hate guys who date more than one woman at a time. I've always believed that what's unacceptable in one sex should, by definition, be unacceptable in the other.

~Candace Bushnell

When you're alone, it's easier," she said a little wistfully. "You can do what you want. You don't have to go home.

~Candace Bushnell

You choose the end of the summer to fall in love with this guy because secretly, you don't want it to last.

~Candace Bushnell

I'm not ashamed of anything I've done. Shame is a useless emotion.

~Candace Bushnell

For me, having it all is being paid to write novels.

~Candace Bushnell

Sometimes I think all the trouble in the world is caused by men. If there were no men, women would always be happy. ~Carrie

~Candace Bushnell

Funny always makes the bad things go away.

~Candace Bushnell

There's so many things that mattered so much in my 20s and 30s that don't matter now.

~Candace Bushnell

Oh I don't plan on getting married. It's a legalized form of prostitution.

~Candace Bushnell

After all, it's woman, who decide, if a man is desirable or undesirable.

~Candace Bushnell

What Sex and the City did for sex and relationships, Lipstick Jungle does for success and power.

~Candace Bushnell

If you believe in love, you're setting yourself up to be disappointed.

~Candace Bushnell

I do not pick the wrong guys. They pick me.

~Candace Bushnell

Men, Babies, it doesn't matter...we're soulmates

~Candace Bushnell

What if I'm a princess on another planet? And no one on this planet knows it?

~Candace Bushnell

The heart wants what the heart wants

~Candace Bushnell



Have I ever been in love? Really in love? And why is it that with each new guy I think I'm more in love with him than the last?

~Candace Bushnell

All those men who end up disappointing you. After a while, you don't even want to have feelings anymore. You just want to get on with your life.

~Candace Bushnell

Sometimes I want to be on 'The Real Housewives of New York.' I want to remind them to figure out how to get along and support each other.

~Candace Bushnell

My parents had a great marriage. Interestingly, it made it harder for me in relationships because I knew what a good relationship looked like.

~Candace Bushnell

I'm really enjoying being single. I'm not even looking to meet anybody, which is so freeing.

~Candace Bushnell

You don't want to peak in high school. If you do, the rest of your life is a disaster.

~Candace Bushnell

There are so many beautiful girls around that after a while you start looking for someone who can make you laugh

~Candace Bushnell

I've always thought there are two ways of getting what you wanted in life. Forcing people to give it to you, or making them want to give it to you.

~Candace Bushnell

Meanwhile I'll probably see him again. That's how sick I am.

~Candace Bushnell

It was the first honest emotional connection I'd had in a while. So I immediately panicked and had to leave.

~Candace Bushnell

You know what they say: A woman needs a man about as much as a fish needs a bicycle.

~Candace Bushnell

It was scary how a girl couldn't live without friends.

~Candace Bushnell

Why do I keep evading my work? Is it because I'm afraid of being confronted by my lack of abilities?

~Candace Bushnell

The only way to look at men is like they're electrons. They have all these charges sticking out, and they're always looking for a hole where they can put those charges.

~Candace Bushnell

When it comes to people -- don't write about who you know; but what you know of human nature.

~Candace Bushnell

I always thought that there was a really good chance that I wasn't going to get married.

~Candace Bushnell

I think a young woman's relationship with her father is really important.

~Candace Bushnell

I started writing about New York as soon as I arrived. I was 19. I used to write short stories and send them out.

~Candace Bushnell

That's the difference between girls and women: Girls find men fascinating. Women know better.

~Candace Bushnell

Sometimes you have to find the passion. It comes from the inside... Everyone has to find it for themselves.

~Candace Bushnell

I'm certainly not going to put my life on hold for him.

~Candace Bushnell

I have this theory: If you forgive someone, they can't hurt you anymore.

~Candace Bushnell

maybe he's falling in love with the idea of falling in love with me. Maybe he wants to be in love with someone and I've ended up in the right place at the right time.

~Candace Bushnell

I don't like to think of myself as a 'virgin'. I prefer to think of myself as 'sexually incomplete'. You know. Like I haven't finished the course yet.

~Candace Bushnell

It's hard to be careful, though, when you feel indestructible.

~Candace Bushnell

I can safely conclude that we are single because we want to be.

~Candace Bushnell

Should, is the worst word in the English language. People always think

things "should" be a certain way, and when they're not, they're disappointed.

~Candace Bushnell

I love things that are old and glittery, that come with layers of glamour and past lives.

~Candace Bushnell

What I have yet to see is a real woman choose a younger man because he spent six hours a day at the gym trying to sculpt his abs.

~Candace Bushnell

All men are a disappointment. No matter what anyone says.

~Candace Bushnell

Sex and the City was about looking for Mr Big and trying to find him.

~Candace Bushnell

Some secrets are better left at that -as secrets.

~Candace Bushnell

'Lipstick Jungle' was on the air for 20 episodes - I loved 'Lipstick Jungle.'

~Candace Bushnell

The '80s was all about this idea that women could have it all. You could have a career, and you could have a husband, and you could have children.

~Candace Bushnell

New York is a city where people are ambitious. They want things.

~Candace Bushnell

Man might have identified fire, but women identified the way to enjoy

with it.

~Candace Bushnell

Grace was one of those types who never changed but only aged and had no apparent expectations or ambitions other than the wish that her life should remain the same.

~Candace Bushnell

It's always the people who don't want things who get them.

~Candace Bushnell

Who am I supposed to be again? Just be yourself. But who am I?

~Candace Bushnell

Always look like you know where you're going, even when you don't

~Candace Bushnell

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