

Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Quotes

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Fools talk, cowards are silent, wise men listen.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

some things can only be seen in the shadows

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

People tend to complicate their own lives, as if living weren't already complicated enough.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Barcelona is a very old city in which you can feel the weight of history; it is haunted by history. You cannot walk around it without perceiving it.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

All true stories begin and end in a cemetery" - The Shadow of the Wind

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Every labyrinth has its minotaur

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The haunting of history is ever present in Barcelona. I see cities as organisms, as living creatures. To me, Madrid is a man and Barcelona is a woman. And its a woman whos extremely vain.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Time has taught me not to lose hope, yet not to trust too much in hope either.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Remember me, even if it's only in a corner and secretly. Don't let me go.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A good liar knows that the most efficient lie is always a truth that has

had a key piece removed from it.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Waiting is the rust of the soul.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Every book has a soul, the soul of the person who wrote it and the soul of those who read it and dream about it.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside you.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Sometimes we think people are like lottery tickets, that they're there to make our most absurd dreams come true.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

One mustn't dream of one's future; one must earn it.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

...sometimes one feels freer speaking to a stranger than to people one knows. Why is that?" "Probably because a stranger sees us the way we are, not as he wishes to think we are.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

We think we understand a song's lyrics but what makes us believe in them, or not, is the music

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Men are like chestnuts they sell in the street: they're all hot and they all smell good when you buy them, but when you take them out of the paper cone you realise that most of them are rotten inside.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

It's a story of love, of hatred, and of the dreams that live in the shadow of the wind.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Never trust girls who let themselves be touched right away. But even less those who need a priest for approval.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

There are no second chances in life, except to feel remorse.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Thunder and lightning, it's like the end of the world.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Julian once wrote that coincidences are the scars of fate. There are no coincidences, Daniel. We are puppets of our subconscious desires.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The moment you stop to think about whether you love someone, you've already stopped loving that person forever.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Books hold no passports. There's only one true literary tradition: the human.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Paris is the only city in the world where starving to death is still considered an art.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I've always thought that anyone who needs to join a herd so badly must be a bit of a sheep himself.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Presents are made for the pleasure of who gives them, not the merits of who receives them.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Destiny doesn't do home visits... you have to go for it yourself.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Resentment slowly poisoned my blood and I laughed at myself and my absurd hopes.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The wider the author's arsenal of tools and the better technically equipped the storyteller is, the better the tale will be.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

People talk too much. Humans aren't descended from monkeys. They come from parrots.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Destiny is usually just around the corner. Like a thief, a hooker, or a lottery vendor: its three most common personifications. But what destiny does not do is home visits. You have to go for it.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I don't suppose you have many friends. Neither do I. I don't trust people who say they have a lot of friends. It's a sure sign that they don't really know anyone.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

that as long as we are being remembered, we remain alive.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Every time a book changes hands, every time someone runs his eyes down its pages, its spirit grows and strengthens.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Why is it that all wars are won by bankers?

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

But in good time you'll see that sometimes what matters isn't what one gives but what one gives up.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

People only disappear when they have somewhere to go

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Old age is the lubricant of belief. When death knocks at the door, skepticism flies out the window. A serious cardiovascular fright and a person will even believe in Little Red Riding Hood.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

There was no more good or evil in this world than we imagine there to be, either out of greed or out of innocence. Or sometimes madness.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I could tell you it's the heart, but what is really killing him is loneliness. Memories are worse than bullets.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

There are few reasons for telling the truth, but for lying the number is infinite.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Nobody knows much about women, not even Freud, not even women themselves. But it's like electricity: you don't need to know how it works to get a shock on the fingers.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A story is a letter that the author writes to himself, to tell himself things that he would be unable to discover otherwise.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The most despicable humans are the ones who always feel virtuous and look down on the rest of the world.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The air seemed poisoned with fear and hatred. People eyed on another suspiciously, and the streets smelled of a silence that knotted your stomach.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

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It is impossible to survive in a prolonged state of reality, at least for human beings. We spend a good part of our lives dreaming, especially when we're awake.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Over time, loneliness gets inside you and doesn't go away.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

It might have been that notion, or just chance, or its more flamboyant relative, destiny.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

His soul is in his stories. I once asked him who inspired him to create his characters, and his answer was no one. That all his characters were himself.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Nobody had noticed, nobody had paid attention, but, as usual, the

essential part of the matter had been settled before the story had begun, and by then it was too late.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Few things are more deceptive than memories.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A secret's worth depends on the people from whom it must be kept.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Making money isn't hard in itself... What's hard is to earn it doing something worth devoting one's life to.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I'm not talking to anyone, I'm delivering a monologue. It's the inebriated man's prerogative.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Sometimes I think that Darwin made a mistake and that in fact man is descended from the pig, because eight out of every ten members of the human race are swine, and as crooked as a hog's tail.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Keep your dreams, you never know when you might need them.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

None of us are what we once were.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Once you lost all hope, time began to go faster and the senseless days deadened your soul.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Maturity is simply the process of discovering that everything you

believed in when you were young is false and that all the things you refused to believe in turn out to be true.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I was raised among books, making invisible friends in pages that seemed cast from dust and whose smell I carry on my hands to this day.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Envy is the religion of the mediocre

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I don't care what happens in 100 years. I won't be around.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Disarmed, I realized how easily you can lose all animosity toward someone you've deemed your enemy as soon as that person stops behaving as such.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Deep down we've never been who we think we once were, and we only remember what never happened.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

He would have liked to know that somebody wanted to keep him alive, that someone remembered him. He used to say that we exist as long as somebody remembers us.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Wars have no memory, and nobody has the courage to understand them until there are no voices left to tell what happened.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Nothing important is learned; it is simply remembered.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Time goes faster the more hollow it is. Lives with no meaning go straight past you, like trains that don't stop at your station.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Don't be afraid of being scared. To be afraid is a sign of common sense. Only complete idiots are not afraid of anything.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

In the shop we buy and sell them, but in truth books have no owner. Every book you see here has been somebody's best friend.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I turned you into a stranger in order to forget you and now I'm the stranger.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

That's what happens when people reach old age; nobody remembers they've been bastards too.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

A good friend once told me that the problems are like cockroaches. If drawn to light, they'll get scared.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

It's up to you how you waste your time and money. I'm staying here to read: life's too short.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

She was seventeen, her entire life shining on her lips.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

To truly hate is an art one learns with time.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Theory is the practice of the impotent.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

It's only worth staying in bed if you're young and in good company.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

In small towns, news travels at the speed of boredom.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Everything can be forgiven in this world, save telling the truth.

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~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I tried to swallow his nonsense without choking.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

You women listen more to your heart and less to all the nonsense.
That's why you live longer.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Death does that: it makes everyone feel sentimental. When we stand in front of a coffin, we all see only what is good or what we want to see.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I think today will be the day. Today our luck will change,' I proclaimed on the wings of the first coffee of the day, pure optimism in a liquid

state.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Truth is, only the useless get to the top in this country.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Those were the words she wanted to hear and she finally surrendered to the temptation of believing them.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

There are people you remember and people you dream of.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Where he had failed, I would triumph. Where he had lost his way, I would find the path out of the labyrinth.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Madmen always think it's the others who are mad.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Our world will not die as the result of the bomb, as the papers say, it will die of laughter, of banality, or making a joke of everything, and a lousy joke at that.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

God gives us life, but the world's landlord is the devil.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

We all give up great expectations along the way.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The nurse knew that those who really love, love in silence, with deeds and not with words.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

I swim against the tide because I like to annoy.

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

The truth is what hurts

~Carlos Ruiz Zafon

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