

Clive Barker Quotes

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Believe me, when I say; There are no two powers That command the soul. One is God The other is the tide. -Anon From the novel Abarat

~Clive Barker

I've learned two things in my life. One that love is the beginning and end of all meaning. And two that it is the same thing whatever shape our souls have taken on this journey. Love is love. Is love.

~Clive Barker

A monster lies in wait in me,a stew of wounds and misery.But fiercer still in life and limb,the me that lies in wait in him

~Clive Barker

Memory, prophecy, and fantasyâ€” The past, the future, and The dreaming moment betweenâ€” Are all in one country, Living one immortal day. To know that is Wisdom. To use it is the Art.

~Clive Barker

She had opened a door... and now she was walking with demons. And at the end of her travels, she would have her revenge... Pain had made a sadist of her.

~Clive Barker

You just have to trust your own madness.

~Clive Barker

Horror fiction shows us that the control we believe we have is purely illusory, and that every moment we teeter on chaos and oblivion.

~Clive Barker

I don't like PG-13 horror movies. I think they're a contradiction in terms.

~Clive Barker

I'm a great dog fanatic. My own dog died a little while ago and I take it

very personally when things die-it's a major offence.

~Clive Barker

any fool can be happy. It takes a man with real heart to make beauty out of the stuff that makes us weep.

~Clive Barker

I've never worked where it was hard to be gay. Besides, being gay is a spectacular irrelevance to getting on with your life.

~Clive Barker

Evil, however powerful it seemed,could be undone by its own appetite

~Clive Barker

We're too much ourselves. Afraid of letting go of what we are, in case we are nothing, and holding on so tight, we lose everything else.

~Clive Barker

All I ever wanted to do is darken the day and brighten the night

~Clive Barker

Everything is in flux: everything changes; the body changes, the soul changes. We are capable of extraordinary self-transmutat ion and internal self-transforma tion.

~Clive Barker

So we make stories of our own, in fevered and envious imitation of our Maker, hoping that we'll tell, by chance, what God left untold. And finishing our tale, come to understand why we were born.

~Clive Barker

To dream in isolation can be properly splendid to be sure; but to dream in company seems to me infinitely preferable.

~Clive Barker

Nothing else wounds so deeply and irreparably. Nothing else robs us of hope so much as being unloved by one we love

~Clive Barker

..She had that brand of pragmatism that would find her the first brewing tea after Armageddon.

~Clive Barker

Gather experience... Look at what you should not look at. A feeling of anxiety is the sure and certain evidence that you should do this.

~Clive Barker

Everybody is a book of blood; wherever we're opened, we're red.

~Clive Barker

That which is imagined can never be lost.

~Clive Barker

Nothing ever begins. There is no first moment; no single word or place from which this or any other story springs.

~Clive Barker

Funny that. We live in islands of Hours and we never seem to have time enough for anything.

~Clive Barker

It's only when you've lost someone that you realize the nonsense of that phrase "It's a small world". It isn't. It's a vast, devouring world, especially if you're alone.

~Clive Barker

Superman is, after all, an alien life form. He is simply the acceptable face of invading realities.

~Clive Barker

As for theatre, there's ups and downs to everything. Theatre is ephemeral. But that is part of its charm because you can always say the production was better than it was.

~Clive Barker

I firmly believe that a story is only as good as the villain.

~Clive Barker

She wanted nothing that he could offer her, except perhaps his absence.

~Clive Barker

Give me B movies or give me death!

~Clive Barker

All things are true. God's an Astronaut. Oz is Over the Rainbow, and Midian is where the monsters live." - Peloquin

~Clive Barker

Welcome to the worst nightmare of all, reality!

~Clive Barker

One man's pornography is another man's theology.

~Clive Barker

You must be careful with kindness. It's usually mistaken for weakness by stupid people.

~Clive Barker

I have the normal complement of anxieties, neuroses, psychoses and whatever else - but I'm absolutely nothing special.

~Clive Barker

Let the mad find wisdom in their madness for the sane, and let the sane

be grateful.

~Clive Barker

To you who have never died, may I say: Welcome to the world!

~Clive Barker

Your flesh is killing your spirit. You have forsaken yourself.

~Clive Barker

being with people makes me vomit. I don't like em. I never did.

~Clive Barker

The world had seen so many Ages: the Age of Enlightenment; of Reformation; of Reason. Now, at last, the Age of Desire. And after this, an end to Ages; an end, perhaps, to everything.

~Clive Barker

I think that horror fiction is one of the ways to approach these problems of death.

~Clive Barker

You can plan to be brave - it's even better if you just try to be brave.

~Clive Barker

Always, worlds within worlds.

~Clive Barker

â€there's nothing in the world more fun than doing something you're good at.

~Clive Barker

Leavening the flat bread of what we know, with the yeast of what we dream may come to pass.

~Clive Barker

There's no conscious thing on the face of the world that doesn't know dread more intimately than its own heartbeat.

~Clive Barker

We burn so hard, but we shed so little light; it makes us crazy and sad.

~Clive Barker

I haven't even had a life I could call my own, and you're ready to slot me into the grand design. Well, I don't think I want to go. I want to be my own design.

~Clive Barker

The monsters act out our rage. They act on their worst impulses, which is appealing to a certain part of us. They get punished for it, but we've enjoyed the spectacle of their liberation.

~Clive Barker

I've always thought that sex and horror belonged together.

~Clive Barker

Often people who are wonderful with animals aren't always terribly good with human beings.

~Clive Barker

O little one, My little one, Come with me, Your life is done. Forget the future, Forget the past. Life is over: Breathe your last.

~Clive Barker

My life is in the art that I make, and I'm very happy with it.

~Clive Barker

It was as though in these last minutes together - when they had so much to say - they could say nothing of the least significance, for fear it open the floodgates.

~Clive Barker

I love meeting people who've read my books. The prime reason to be on the planet is to make things I can show to other people: paintings, books, movies.

~Clive Barker

But I think humans are innately religious as a species, so you don't need a specific excuse for examining the perversely unholy.

~Clive Barker

My imagination is my polestar; I steer by that.

~Clive Barker

Wherever I go, I will speak of you with love.

~Clive Barker

Journey to the end of day, Come the fire-fly, Come the moon; Say a prayer for God's good grace And sleep with lore upon your face.

~Clive Barker

You'll learn, honey. Love can be the best thing in life. And it can be the worst. The absolute worst.

~Clive Barker

I dreamt a limitless book, A book unbound, Its leaves scattered in fantastic abundance On every line there was a new horizon drawn, New heavens supposed; New states, new souls.

~Clive Barker

I was cured in my new infamy of all the tired wisdom of age. I would never weary into that tired state again - -I swore to myself, I would always be this raw, wet child hereafter.

~Clive Barker

The sun rose like a stripper, keeping its glory well covered by cloud till it seemed there'd be no show at all.

~Clive Barker

True joy is a profound remembering; and true grief the same.

~Clive Barker

She was a sea: and I had to swim in her.

~Clive Barker

Books should make somebody look at how they feel, be honest with themselves.

~Clive Barker

I never want to be the producer that I too often got.

~Clive Barker

I've dealt with a lot of producers who were pricks and I'm determined not to be that.

~Clive Barker

She's...just a girl, you know. Like most girls: something and nothing.

~Clive Barker

What worth was a man who could not be haunted?

~Clive Barker

A soul of water a soul of stone. A soul by name a soul unknown. The hours unmake our flesh our bone. The Soul is all and all alone!

~Clive Barker

The great grey beast February had eaten Harvey Swick alive.

~Clive Barker

The extraordinary's the norm.

~Clive Barker

A man kills the thing he loves, and he must die a little himself.

~Clive Barker

His body and his mind went about their different businesses. The former, freed from conscious instruction, breathed, rolled, sweated, and digested. The latter went dreaming.

~Clive Barker

I've held a brain in my hands, which is an extraordinary experience.

~Clive Barker

Writing about the unholy is one way of writing about what is sacred.

~Clive Barker

How many human eyes...had snatched glimpses of their secret anatomies, down the passage of years?

~Clive Barker

Sooner or later even the most ambitious glutton must crawl away and seek the solace of the vomitorium.

~Clive Barker

Never believe your eyes

~Clive Barker

You have to taste the sour urine before you break the jug.

~Clive Barker

For a writer, and particularly a writer of my genre, which is the fantastical, I think that it's to my advantage to feel remote from and disconnected from the world of deal making.

~Clive Barker

If you want to look like the people next door, you're probably smothering yourself into your dreams.

~Clive Barker

I'm a poet,' the young man said, 'And it's my job to remember the sadness of things.

~Clive Barker

There are lives lived for love, and lives lived for art. We, happy band, have chosen the later persuasion.

~Clive Barker

Life is short
And pleasures few
And holed the ship
And drowned the crew
But o! But o! How very blue the sea is.

~Clive Barker

What I tried to do is deliver movies that have worked for me more than once.

~Clive Barker

Perhaps sunlight had always been luminous, and doorways signs of greater passage than that of one room to another. But she'd not noticed it until now.

~Clive Barker

Whatever capacity she possesses to supernaturally beguile a human soulâ€”and she possesses manyâ€”she liked his clear-sightedness too well, to blind him that way.

~Clive Barker

Have patience; the lovers will suffer lovers always suffer.

~Clive Barker

I don't take accusations of selling out lightly.

~Clive Barker

Walk with care in dark places, and do not put your faith in anyone who promises you the forgiveness of the Lord or a certain place in Paradise.

~Clive Barker

Of all the rash and midnight promises made in the name of love, none, Boone now knew, was more certain to be broken than "I'll never leave you.

~Clive Barker

You've always got meâ€• â€œAlways?â€• â€œDidn't I just say so?â€• â€œYesâ€• â€œAm I liar? â€œ â€œNo.â€• I lied.

~Clive Barker

Maybe the man had taken the wrong turning, but at least he'd travelled some extraordinary roads.

~Clive Barker

Angels have very nasty tempers. Especially when they're feeling righteous.

~Clive Barker

We're both thieves, Harvey Swick. I take time. You take lives. But in the end we're the same: both Thieves of Always.

~Clive Barker

After all, where can the glorious, the goofy, and the god-like stand shoulder to shoulder?

~Clive Barker

Three is the number of those who do holy work; Two is the number of

those who do lover's work; One is the number of those who do perfect evil Or perfect good.

~Clive Barker

To call you excrement would be an insult to the product of my bowels.

~Clive Barker

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