

Cormac McCarthy

Quotes

*Men, Heart, Thinking, World, Dream, People, Dark, Night, Lying, Believe, Fire,
Children, Doe, Eye, War, Memories, Hands, Forever, Horse, Way*

Scars have the strange power to remind us that our past is real.

~Cormac McCarthy

The point is there ain't no point.

~Cormac McCarthy

You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from.

~Cormac McCarthy

Between the wish and the thing the world lies waiting.

~Cormac McCarthy

You forget what you want to remember, and you remember what you want to forget.

~Cormac McCarthy

Ive seen the meanness of humans till I dont know why God aint put out the sun and gone away.

~Cormac McCarthy

Keep a little fire burning; however small, however hidden.

~Cormac McCarthy

The rain falls upon the just And also on the unjust fellas But mostly it falls upon the just Cause the unjust have the just's umbrellas

~Cormac McCarthy

There is no forgiveness. For women. A man may lose his honor and regain it again. But a woman cannot. She cannot.

~Cormac McCarthy

Anything that doesn't take years of your life and drive you to suicide hardly seems worth doing.

~Cormac McCarthy

Borrowed time and borrowed world and borrowed eyes with which to sorrow it.

~Cormac McCarthy

My perfect day is sitting in a room with some blank paper. That's heaven. That's gold, and anything else is just a waste of time.

~Cormac McCarthy

I got what I needed instead of what I wanted and that's just about the best kind of luck you can have.

~Cormac McCarthy

I can normally tell how intelligent a man is by how stupid he thinks I am.

~Cormac McCarthy

Ever dumb thing I ever done in my life there was a decision I made before that got me into it. It was never the dumb thing. It was always some choice I'd made before it.

~Cormac McCarthy

in dreams it is often the case that the greatest extravagances seem bereft of their power to astonish and the most improbable chimeras seem commonplace.

~Cormac McCarthy

I tried to put things in perspective but sometimes you're just too close to it.

~Cormac McCarthy

The wrath of God lies sleeping. It was hid a million years before men were and only men have the power to wake it.

~Cormac McCarthy

You think when you wake up in the mornin yesterday don't count. But yesterday is all that does count. What else is there? Your life is made out of the days it's made out of. Nothin else.

~Cormac McCarthy

Deep in each man is the knowledge that something knows of his existence. Something knows, and cannot be fled nor hid from.

~Cormac McCarthy

They spoke less and less between them until at last they were silent altogether as is often the way with travelers approaching the end of a journey.

~Cormac McCarthy

Scared money can't win and a worried man can't love.

~Cormac McCarthy

If there's one thing on this planet you don't look like it's a bunch of good luck walkin around.

~Cormac McCarthy

The closest bonds we will ever know are bonds of grief. The deepest community one of sorrow.

~Cormac McCarthy

It is personal. That's what an education does. It makes the world personal.

~Cormac McCarthy

It was always himself that the coward abandoned first. After this all other betrayals came easily.

~Cormac McCarthy

Nobody wants to be here and nobody wants to leave.

~Cormac McCarthy

The trouble with a liar is he can't remember what he said.

~Cormac McCarthy

you fix what you can fix and you let the rest go. If there ain't nothin to be done about it it aint even a problem. It's just a aggravation.

~Cormac McCarthy

Remember her hair in the morning before it was pinned, black, rampant, savage with loveliness. As if she slept in perpetual storm.

~Cormac McCarthy

There is no God and we are his prophets.

~Cormac McCarthy

How does a man decide in what order to abandon his life?

~Cormac McCarthy

What business is it of yours where I'm from, friendo?

~Cormac McCarthy

I will do what I promised." He whispered. "No matter what. I will not send you into the darkness alone.

~Cormac McCarthy

I have no enemies. I dont permit such a thing.

~Cormac McCarthy

I look for the words, Professor. I look for the words because I believe that the words is the way to your heart.

~Cormac McCarthy

Acts have their being in the witness. Without him who can speak of it?

In the end one could even say that the act is nothing, the witness all.

~Cormac McCarthy

There's hard lessons in this world. What's the hardest? I don't know. Maybe it's just that when things are gone they're gone. They ain't comin' back.

~Cormac McCarthy

There is no later. This is later.

~Cormac McCarthy

People were always getting ready for tomorrow. I didn't believe in that. Tomorrow wasn't getting ready for them. It didn't even know they were there.

~Cormac McCarthy

He said that those who have endured some misfortune will always be set apart but that it is just that misfortune which is their gift and which is their strength.

~Cormac McCarthy

If trouble comes when you least expect it then maybe the thing to do is to always expect it.

~Cormac McCarthy

Do you know what happens with people who cannot govern themselves? That's right. Others come in to govern for them.

~Cormac McCarthy

There is for a man two things in life that are very important, head and shoulders above everything else. Find work you like, and find someone to live with you like. Very few people get both.

~Cormac McCarthy

When the lambs is lost in the mountain, he said. They is cry. Sometime come the mother. Sometime the wolf.

~Cormac McCarthy

He never sleeps, the judge. He is dancing, dancing. He says that he will never die.

~Cormac McCarthy

There is no greater monster than reason.

~Cormac McCarthy

Maybe it's like Mac says. Ever man winds up with the horse that suits him.

~Cormac McCarthy

In history there are no control groups. There is no one to tell us what might have been. We weep over the might have been, but there is no might have been. There never was.

~Cormac McCarthy

I don't know why I started writing. I don't know why anybody does it. Maybe they're bored, or failures at something else.

~Cormac McCarthy

Life is brief and to have to spend every day of it doing what somebody else wants you to do is not the way to live it.

~Cormac McCarthy

The world is quite ruthless in selecting between the dream and the reality, even where we will not.

~Cormac McCarthy

It is supposed to true that those who do not know history are condemned to repeat it. I don't believe knowing can save us. What is

constant in history is greed and foolishness and love of blood.

~Cormac McCarthy

By day the banished sun circles the earth like a grieving mother with a lamp.

~Cormac McCarthy

Our waking life's desire to shape the world to our convenience invites all manner of paradox and difficulty.

~Cormac McCarthy

Things happen to you they happen. They dont ask first. They dont require your permission.

~Cormac McCarthy

A goodlookin horse is like a goodlookin woman, he said. They're always more trouble than what they're worth. What a man needs is just one that will get the job done.

~Cormac McCarthy

Every day is a lie. But you are dying. That is not a lie.

~Cormac McCarthy

He'd half meant to speak but those eyes had altered the world forever in the space of a heartbeat.

~Cormac McCarthy

Life is a memory, and then it is nothing.

~Cormac McCarthy

You have my whole heart. You always did.

~Cormac McCarthy

Your heart's desire is to be told some mystery. The mystery is that

there is no mystery.

~Cormac McCarthy

I'd rather to make a good run as a bad stand.

~Cormac McCarthy

There is no such joy in the tavern as upon the road thereto.

~Cormac McCarthy

But there are no absolutes in human misery and things can always get worse

~Cormac McCarthy

Finally he said that among men there was no such communion as among horses and the notion that men can be understood at all was probably an illusion.

~Cormac McCarthy

The things that I loved were very frail. Very fragile. I didn't know that. I thought they were indestructible. They weren't.

~Cormac McCarthy

The nights were blinding cold and casket black and the long reach of the morning had a terrible silence to it.

~Cormac McCarthy

You always pay too much. Particularly for promises. There aint no such thing as a bargain promise.

~Cormac McCarthy

My daddy used to tell me not to chew on somethin that was eatin you.

~Cormac McCarthy

Ah me, thou Destiny, Giver of evil gifts.

~Cormac McCarthy

Usually, you don't know where a book comes from ... it's just there, some kind of an itch that you can't quite scratch.

~Cormac McCarthy

She was gone and the coldness of it was her final gift.

~Cormac McCarthy

He didn't say a lot so I tend to remember what he did say. And I don't remember that he had a lot of patience with havin to say things twice so I learned to listen the first time.

~Cormac McCarthy

In the end we all come to be cured of our sentiments.

~Cormac McCarthy

This is my child, he said. I wash a dead man's brains out of his hair. That is my job.

~Cormac McCarthy

You go back home and everything you wished was different is still the same and everything you wished was the same is different.

~Cormac McCarthy

I think if you were Satan and you were settin around tryin to think up somethin that would just bring the human race to its knees what you would probably come up with is narcotics.

~Cormac McCarthy

Hard weather, says the old man. So let it be. Wrap me in the weathers of the earth, I will be hard and hard. My face will wash rain like the stones.

~Cormac McCarthy

You are either born a writer or you are not.

~Cormac McCarthy

Any time you're throwin dirt you're losin ground.

~Cormac McCarthy

The road has its own reasons and no two travelers will have the same understanding of those reasons. If indeed they come to an understanding of them at all.

~Cormac McCarthy

Best way to live in California is to be from somewheres else.

~Cormac McCarthy

One of the things you realize about gettin older is that not everybody is goin to get older with you.

~Cormac McCarthy

Notions of chance and fate are the preoccupations of men engaged in rash undertakings.

~Cormac McCarthy

The man who believes that the secrets of the world are forever hidden lives in mystery and fear. Superstition will drag him down." -The Judge

~Cormac McCarthy

People don't pay attention. And then one day there's an accounting. And after that, nothing is the same.

~Cormac McCarthy

If the rule you followed brought you to this, of what use was the rule?

~Cormac McCarthy

If you break little promises, you'll break big ones.

~Cormac McCarthy

He knew only that his child was his warrant. He said: If he is not the word of God God never spoke.

~Cormac McCarthy

When he went back to the fire he knelt and smoothed her hair as she slept and he said if he were God he would have made the world just so and no different.

~Cormac McCarthy

Word gets around when the circus comes to town, don't it?

~Cormac McCarthy

It may be that the life I desire for her no longer even exists, yet I know what she does not. That there is nothing to lose.

~Cormac McCarthy

It starts when you begin to overlook good manners. Any time you quit hearing Sir and Mam the end is pretty much in sight.

~Cormac McCarthy

They were watching, out there past men's knowing, where stars are drowning and whales ferry their vast souls through the black and seamless sea.

~Cormac McCarthy

Nothin wounded goes uphill, he said. It just dont happen.

~Cormac McCarthy

Teaching writing is a hustle.

~Cormac McCarthy

It is not my experience that life's difficulties make people more

charitable.

~Cormac McCarthy

If people knew the story of their lives, how many would then elect to live them?

~Cormac McCarthy

People think they know what they want but they generally don't. Sometimes if they're lucky they'll get it anyways.

~Cormac McCarthy

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