

Cory Doctorow Quotes

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All secrets become deep. All secrets become dark. That's in the nature of secrets.

~Cory Doctorow

Never underestimate the determination of a kid who is time-rich and cash-poor.

~Cory Doctorow

This is why I loved technology: if you used it right, it could give you power and privacy.

~Cory Doctorow

Write even when the world is chaotic. You don't need a cigarette, silence, music, a comfortable chair, or inner peace to write. You just need ten minutes and a writing implement.

~Cory Doctorow

Universal access to human knowledge is in our grasp, for the first time in the history of the world. This is not a bad thing.

~Cory Doctorow

The fact is, almost everything you do is collaborative. Somewhere out there, someone else had a hand in it.

~Cory Doctorow

The big problem isn't piracy, it's obscurity.

~Cory Doctorow

We don't care about what you did yesterday—we care about what you're going to do tomorrow.

~Cory Doctorow

Conversation is king. Content is just something to talk about.

~Cory Doctorow

Take it from someone who's read the Wikipedia entry: this is how the Ottoman Empire was won: madden horsemen fueled by lethal jet-black coffee-mud.

~Cory Doctorow

Any time someone puts a lock on something you own against your wishes, and doesn't give you the key, they're not doing it for your benefit.

~Cory Doctorow

Engineers are all basically high-functioning autistics who have no idea how normal people do stuff.

~Cory Doctorow

Put simply, I want to treat my readers as partners and not crooks. There is no future in calling your most active promoters crooks.

~Cory Doctorow

The accolade of your peers is very exciting, always. There's lots of good stuff on the ballot.

~Cory Doctorow

... the Kindle is a "roach motel" device: its license terms and DRM ensure that books can check in, but they can't check out.

~Cory Doctorow

It's the stupid questions that have some of the most surprising and interesting answers. Most people never think to ask the stupid questions.

~Cory Doctorow

I'd never been a tall guy, and the girls I'd dated had all been my height--teenaged girls grow faster than guys, which is a cruel trick of nature.

~Cory Doctorow

The other one I did was "I, Robot." I take apart Isaac Asimov's Robots world.

~Cory Doctorow

I just sit down and the page just comes out and I look at it and the elements that appear on that page have a lot to do with what's going on in my life.

~Cory Doctorow

What if I got hit by lightning while walking with an umbrella? Ban umbrellas! Fight the menace of lightning!

~Cory Doctorow

Skipping school isn't a crime. It's an infraction. They're totally different.

~Cory Doctorow

It is a mistake to let aesthetics drive your rational decision making.

~Cory Doctorow

Like all security, privacy is hard.

~Cory Doctorow

It may be hard to monetize fame, but it is impossible to monetize obscurity.

~Cory Doctorow

It's part of a cycle of stories I'm writing where I deconstruct classic science fiction.

~Cory Doctorow

I choose YouTube over telly.

~Cory Doctorow

The important thing about security systems isn't how they work, it's how they fail.

~Cory Doctorow

Giant letters march across the dome of the sky: HOME NOT FOUND. Huw, who knows Comic Sans when she sees it, winces in mild disgust.

~Cory Doctorow

Any outfit that can't figure out clean toilets and decent theming on its own can't benefit from my advice.

~Cory Doctorow

It is not gender, nor age, nor race, but your ability to work hard at what you love.

~Cory Doctorow

Carlton Mellick III is one of bizarro fiction's most talented practitioners, a virtuoso of the surreal, science fictional tale.

~Cory Doctorow

Technology giveth and technology taketh away.

~Cory Doctorow

Novels for me are how I find out what's going on in my own head. And so that's a really useful and indeed critical thing to do when you do as many of these other things as I do.

~Cory Doctorow

The idea that bigger haystacks have more needles in them is dumb on its face

~Cory Doctorow

For decades, computers have been helping us to remember, but now it's time for them to help us to ignore.

~Cory Doctorow

Write even when the world is chaotic.

~Cory Doctorow

if it's not in my email archive, I don't know it

~Cory Doctorow

Stories are propaganda, virii that slide past your critical immune system and insert themselves directly into your emotions.

~Cory Doctorow

We roared. We were one big animal throat, roaring.

~Cory Doctorow

He had them as spellbound as a room full of Ewoks listening to C-3PO.

~Cory Doctorow

Freedom is something you have to take for yourself.

~Cory Doctorow

There is no future in which bits will be harder to copy than they are today ... Any business model that based on the idea that bits will be harder to copy is doomed.

~Cory Doctorow

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~Cory Doctorow

Terrorism is about magnifying one mediagenic act of violence into one hundred billion acts of terrorized authoritarian idiocy.

~Cory Doctorow

These days, tales of what Facebook did with its users during the singularity are commonly used to scare naughty children in Wales.

~Cory Doctorow

Once you get to naming your laptop, you know that you're really having a deep relationship with it.

~Cory Doctorow

I think that Utopia is a theory of human action.

~Cory Doctorow

The future's a weirder place than we thought it would be when we were little kids.

~Cory Doctorow

It's hard not to like Asimov; he's a really likable guy.

~Cory Doctorow

Funny, for all surveillance, Osama bin Laden is still free—[^]and we're not. Guess who's winning the "war on terror?"

~Cory Doctorow

Disney is a delight, someone who ... sweeps those around him along on his dream.

~Cory Doctorow

The first casualty of any battle is the plan of attack.

~Cory Doctorow

The companies are multinational--why should labor still stick to borders?

~Cory Doctorow

The right to freedom of association is fine, but why shouldn't the cops

be allowed to mine your social network to figure out if you're hanging out with gangbangers and terrorists?

~Cory Doctorow

If you stare at someone long enough, they'll eventually look back at you.

~Cory Doctorow

Where there's life, there's hope. Living people can change things, dead people cannot.

~Cory Doctorow

No one should do a job he can do in his sleep.

~Cory Doctorow

It's not necessarily about what career you pick. It's about how you do what you do.

~Cory Doctorow

Abnormal is so common, it's practically normal.

~Cory Doctorow

I can't go underground for a year, ten years, my whole life, waiting for freedom to be handed to me. Freedom is something you have to take for yourself.

~Cory Doctorow

If surgeons don't get surgeon's block, then why are you allowed to get writer's block?

~Cory Doctorow

We have a name for things that don't copy themselves: dead.

~Cory Doctorow

My feelings towards Scott Card are pretty mixed. Politically, he and I are pretty far apart.

~Cory Doctorow

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