

# Dan Harmon Quotes

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Real, Stories, Technology, Looks, Cat, Laughing, Needs, Home, Hurt*

Find your voice, shout it from the rooftops, and keep doing it until the people that are looking for you find you.

~Dan Harmon

Storytelling comes naturally to humans, but since we live in an unnatural world, we sometimes need a little help doing what we'd naturally do.

~Dan Harmon

Once upon a time, something happened, and it was better than something not happening. The end.

~Dan Harmon

All [tv] shows are like cigarettes. You watch two, you have a higher chance of watching three. They're all addictive.

~Dan Harmon

Don't be so hard on yourself, don't put pressure on yourself, life is just a chain of experiments and results, and you'll be perfect when you're dead.

~Dan Harmon

I am a collaborator with everyone who agrees that I need to be in control. I happily collaborate with my loyalists.

~Dan Harmon

I always try to use my medium, and if I get into a normal sitcom-writing contest with normal sitcom writers, I'm going to lose.

~Dan Harmon

I feel like my life has always been the 'Hey Look at Me Show.' I'm not apologetic about that.

~Dan Harmon

Pretty sad. Pretty lonely. But that's how I prefer it? I guess? I guess. It's a good guess. It's the best guess ever.

~Dan Harmon

The public's perception of your show is what it is, and you don't get to complain how people perceive your show or talk about it.

~Dan Harmon

I don't really have a lot of appropriate feelings for people on an individual basis, but I've always wanted to make people happy.

~Dan Harmon

There's a fine line between a stream of consciousness and a babbling brook to nowhere.

~Dan Harmon

You have to just look at it like Titanic: I know the ship sinks, but this is a love story

~Dan Harmon

Yoda is interesting because, in addition to being wise, he is two feet tall, and a Yoda.

~Dan Harmon

The concept of doing holiday episodes is a huge part of what's fantastic about doing TV. And viewers agree; you see the numbers going up for holiday episodes.

~Dan Harmon

My cat brought me a toy. I thanked her and threw it. She sat there gave me a look that made me realize people and dogs are the crazy ones.

~Dan Harmon

I think thoughts in my head bounce around in my skull and, if they keep

bouncing around in my skull, they get worse and worse. When they come out of my mouth, they make people happy.

~Dan Harmon

Everyone knows that there are more people watching any given show than is being registered by the Nielsen system.

~Dan Harmon

Class clowns are never allowed to date anybody decent, but you don't get beaten up, you're invited to parties, and everybody likes you.

~Dan Harmon

Garry Shandling has always been a pioneer of meta entertainment. He's always been a defender of the creative right to use the frame as part of the painting.

~Dan Harmon

I expect the audience to assume TV is stupid. I accept that it's my job to overcome it.

~Dan Harmon

I'm from Wisconsin so I always feel a little nauseous about begging and trying to trick people into liking me.

~Dan Harmon

Good writers hate bad writing but hating bad writing doesn't make you good. Writing badly does.

~Dan Harmon

I don't think it's going to be possible for the next generation of writers to tell stories without telling stories about telling stories.

~Dan Harmon

I walk with God, and He protects me. That may very well be true. I don't

mean to make that sound like a joke, in case He is in charge.

~Dan Harmon

I wish people used wishes to modify themselves instead of others. Wish to be low maintenance. Wish to be autonomous, even.

~Dan Harmon

Wake up in the morning and say, 'I refuse to be a hack,' and see what happens by the end of the day.

~Dan Harmon

What's important is passion, investment, and people laughing out loud as they work.

~Dan Harmon

I became part of a little study group in community college and started caring about strangers. It gave me insight into what an asshole I was. I saw that I had only lived half of a life.

~Dan Harmon

I am absolutely and inherently self-destructive in that I am always making sure I'm doing what I want to do.

~Dan Harmon

The most rewarding part of writing for TV is - a year ago I would have said it's just watching it on TV, it's just having been done with it and then collecting all that energy.

~Dan Harmon

I love 30 Rock. It's one of my favorite shows. It's certainly the gold standard of comedy writing.

~Dan Harmon

I was raised on NBC television.

~Dan Harmon

I feel like I am a good person and a professional, very able leader of men.

~Dan Harmon

I wish that television would stop selling our hatred of ourselves, and start seducing us with our love of ourselves.

~Dan Harmon

Television is a populous, derivative, democratic medium.

~Dan Harmon

If your ratings are high and there's money being made, you're allowed to be a perfectionist in television.

~Dan Harmon

When you are in the 8 o'clock position, you can either be a cultural phenomenon, or you're endangered. It's a tough time slot.

~Dan Harmon

It was never my direct intention to do anything particularly medium-defying.

~Dan Harmon

If somebody's cat happens to turn on the TV, my numbers can double. It's almost unrelated to what's really happening.

~Dan Harmon

'I want to touch people but if I touch them in real life they'll slap me.' That's what writing is it's a gross person getting a hug.

~Dan Harmon

You don't give someone notes on their performance at a soup kitchen.

~Dan Harmon

Always hedge your bets. That's how I do it. I lay all my bets on what I can contribute, and suffer no illusions that I'm generating stuff by myself.

~Dan Harmon

I really like performing for people.

~Dan Harmon

Technology changes the medium. I grew up on watching a box in my living room that made my parents happy. After something is gone, the dust will settle and I'll see what's next.

~Dan Harmon

With media, it's never bad-to-good. It's always just moving from different to different. Faster, more stuff, but there's always good, more good, and more bad.

~Dan Harmon

I've discovered a new video game called owning my home.

~Dan Harmon

I was playing the game where I was going to be a great TV or film writer some day and there was nothing else that I thought about, including other people.

~Dan Harmon

There are no normal people, there are just different kinds of weird.

~Dan Harmon

There's the same percentage of genius happening in both genders, but there's less women writing scripts and out there looking for the job.

~Dan Harmon

I've never done well when I've been appreciated. I've done best when I'm targeted for death.

~Dan Harmon

You'll be perfect when you're dead

~Dan Harmon

It's so difficult to write good music. It's also really difficult to think about how to do it without violating the sanctity of the fourth wall.

~Dan Harmon

I say what's in my head, and I'm on honest ground. That is worth so much, and I think it does make my job, as a writer, easier. It makes it possible for me to give people stuff that they like.

~Dan Harmon



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