

Daniel Handler Quotes

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Anyone who gives you a cinnamon roll fresh out of the oven is a friend for life.

~Daniel Handler

Miracles are like meatballs, because nobody can exactly agree on what they are made of, where they come from, or how often they should appear.

~Daniel Handler

Temper tantrums, however fun they may be to throw, rarely solve whatever problem is causing them.

~Daniel Handler

Friends can make you feel that the world is smaller and less sneaky than it really is, because you know people who have similar experiences.

~Daniel Handler

I didn't realize this was a sad occasion.

~Daniel Handler

They didn't understand it, but like so many unfortunate events in life, just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it isn't so.

~Daniel Handler

Love can change a person the way a parent can change a baby - awkwardly, and often with a great deal of mess.

~Daniel Handler

Chestnuts in stuffing tastes like someone chewed up a tree branch and then French-kissed it into your mouth.

~Daniel Handler

Everyone should be able to do one card trick, tell two jokes, and recite

three poems, in case they are ever trapped in an elevator.

~Daniel Handler

The thing with your heart's desire is that your heart doesn't even know what it desires until it turns up.

~Daniel Handler

Miracles are like pimples, because once you start looking for them you find more than you ever dreamed you'd see.

~Daniel Handler

Accidents happen all the time.

~Daniel Handler

Morning is an important time of day, because how you spend your morning can often tell you what kind of day you are going to have.

~Daniel Handler

They say love's like a bus, and if you wait long enough another one will come along, but not in this place where the buses are slow and most of the cute ones are gay.

~Daniel Handler

Someone feeling wronged is like someone feeling thirsty. Don't tell them they aren't. Sit with them and have a drink.

~Daniel Handler

It was darker than a pitch-black panther, covered in tar, eating black licorice at the very bottom of the deepest part of the Black Sea.

~Daniel Handler

If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives.

~Daniel Handler

I will love you as the iceberg loves the ship, and the passengers love the lifeboat and the lifeboat loves the teeth of the sperm whale, and the sperm whale loves the flavor of naval uniforms.

~Daniel Handler

I stand entwined in fire on the inextinguishable bonfire of inconceivable love.

~Daniel Handler

A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance, particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded.

~Daniel Handler

Oftentimes, when people are miserable, they will want to make other people miserable, too. But it never helps.

~Daniel Handler

If you are allergic to a thing, it is best not to put that thing in your mouth, particularly if the thing is cats.

~Daniel Handler

the mind has a thousand eyes, and the heart has one: yet the light of a whole life dies when love is done.

~Daniel Handler

Every last souvenir of the love we had, the prizes & the debris of this relationship, like the glitter in the gutter when the parade has passed, all the everything & whatnot kicked to the curb.

~Daniel Handler

They looked at each other like a pair of parentheses.

~Daniel Handler

Make sure you have your own mask on, before helping others with theirs.

~Daniel Handler

One can remain alive long past the usual date of disintegration if one is unafraid of change, insatiable in intellectual curiosity, interested in big things, and happy in small ways.

~Daniel Handler

the table of elements does not contain one of the most powerful elements that make up our world, and that is the element of surprise.

~Daniel Handler

He looked like the sort of person who would tell you that he did not have an umbrella to lend you when he actually had several and simply wanted to see you get soaked.

~Daniel Handler

I'd ruin any day, all my days, for those long nights with you, and I did.

~Daniel Handler

Sometimes the things you've lost can be found again in unexpected places.

~Daniel Handler

I don't know if you've ever noticed this, but first impressions are often entirely wrong.

~Daniel Handler

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.

~Daniel Handler

If I were to say, "Yes, I am a fascinating, erudite person," what would that say about me? I don't know.

~Daniel Handler

You're just jealous of me because I'm a tap-dancing ballerina fairy princess veterinarian!

~Daniel Handler

Sooner or later, everyone's story has an unfortunate event or two...The solution, of course, is to stay as far away from the world as possible and lead a safe, simple life.

~Daniel Handler

There are two kinds of fears: rational and irrational- or in simpler terms, fears that make sense and fears that don't.

~Daniel Handler

The key to good eavesdropping is not getting caught.

~Daniel Handler

It is always sad when someone leaves home, unless they are simply going around the corner and will return in a few minutes with ice-cream sandwiches.

~Daniel Handler

But I must admit I miss you terribly. The world is too quiet without you nearby.

~Daniel Handler

When do you learn that the world, like any diner worth its salt, is open twenty-four hours a day?

~Daniel Handler

I suppose I'll have to add the force of gravity to my list of enemies.

~Daniel Handler

He who hesitates is lost

~Daniel Handler

Fate is like a strange, unpopular restaurant filled with odd little waiters who bring you things you never asked for and don't always like.

~Daniel Handler

There is nothing particularly wrong with salmon, of course, but like caramel candy, strawberry yogurt, or liquid carpet cleaner, if you eat too much of it you are not going to enjoy your meal.

~Daniel Handler

Just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it isn't so.

~Daniel Handler

...everyone was right about you- prove them wrong.

~Daniel Handler

When someone is crying, of course, the noble thing to do is to comfort them. But if someone is trying to hide their tears, it may also be noble to pretend you do not notice them.

~Daniel Handler

There are times to stay put, and what you want will come to you, and there are times to go out into the world and find such a thing for yourself.

~Daniel Handler

Strange as it may seem, I still hope for the best, even though the best, like an interesting piece of mail, so rarely arrives, and even when it does it can be lost so easily.

~Daniel Handler

It is terribly rude to tell people that their troubles are boring.

~Daniel Handler

The sad truth is the truth is sad.

~Daniel Handler

Love can smack you like a seagull, and pour all over your feet like junk mail.

~Daniel Handler

Of course I'm trying to trick you! That's the way of the world, Baudelaires. Everyone runs around with their secrets and their schemes, trying to outwit everyone else.

~Daniel Handler

The world is quiet here.

~Daniel Handler

Fetching objects for people who are too lazy to fetch them for themselves is never a pleasant task, particularly when the people are insulting you.

~Daniel Handler

It is not very polite to interrupt a person, of course, but sometimes if the person is very unpleasant you can hardly stop yourself.

~Daniel Handler

When you say, "History is written by the winners," you like to think about someone who isn't you. You want to think, "Oh, that's the juggernaut I'm standing against." But you're probably part of it.

~Daniel Handler

I often can't remember which scenes are and aren't in the final product, because I saw so many different versions of the Lemony Snicket that I forget which ended up on the cutting-room floor.

~Daniel Handler

Announcing your death should be like announcing that you are a lunar moth: It must be done quietly or it will not be believed.

~Daniel Handler

Instead of the word 'love' there was an enormous heart, a symbol sometimes used by people who have trouble figuring out the difference between words and shapes.

~Daniel Handler

The last safe place is safe no more.

~Daniel Handler

I have produced things that I would say were sincerely cheerful. But then I am reminded by other people that no one else would see them that way.

~Daniel Handler

The miracle is the adverbs, the way things are done.

~Daniel Handler

I gasped and pointed the way. I gave you an adventure, Ed, right in front of you but you never saw it until I showed you, and that's why we broke up.

~Daniel Handler

I love no one but you, I have discovered, but you are far away and I am here alone.

~Daniel Handler

When you start reading nonfiction books about piracy, you realize that it's actually just a history of desperate people.

~Daniel Handler

They were almond cookies, although they could have been made of spinach and shoes for all I cared. I ate eleven of them, right in a row. It is rude to take the last cookie.

~Daniel Handler

Beef. Yes. Roast beef. It's the Swedish term for beef that is roasted.

~Daniel Handler

Just because something is traditional is no reason to do it, of course.

~Daniel Handler

and what might seem to be a series of unfortunate events may in fact be the first steps of a journey.

~Daniel Handler

I'm not very good at the accordion. If I played guitar, I wouldn't be on anyone's album. But because I play the accordion and no one else does, I end up doing strange things.

~Daniel Handler

Just because something is typed-whether it is typed on a business card or typed in a newspaper or book-this does not mean that it is true.

~Daniel Handler

...you know that a good, long session of weeping can often make you feel better, even if your circumstances have not changed one bit.

~Daniel Handler

People aren't either wicked or noble. They're like chef's salads, with good things and bad things chopped and mixed together in a vinaigrette of confusion and conflict.

~Daniel Handler

Blinded following the Blindfolded

~Daniel Handler

Can't we sleep ten minutes more? I was having a lovely dream about sneezing without covering my mouth, and giving everybody germs.

~Daniel Handler

This is my knife. It is very sharp and very eager to hurt you.

~Daniel Handler

To hear the phrase "our only hope" always makes one anxious, because it means that if the only hope doesn't work, there is nothing left.

~Daniel Handler

For Beatrice, when we met, my life began. Soon afterwards, yours ended.

~Daniel Handler

For Beatrice, summer without you is as cold as winter. Winter without you, is even colder.

~Daniel Handler

It is difficult, when faced with a situation you cannot control, to admit you can do nothing.

~Daniel Handler

Criminals should be punished, not fed pastries.

~Daniel Handler

For Beatrice, when we first met, I was lonely, and you were pretty. Now I am pretty lonely.

~Daniel Handler

Dead women tell no tales. Sad men write them down.

~Daniel Handler

Waiting is one of life's hardships.

~Daniel Handler

The real Santa Claus is at the mall.

~Daniel Handler

I like to give people novels I think they would like, on no particular occasion - just when we're in a bookstore together. I like to receive reference books on my birthday.

~Daniel Handler

Arguing with somebody is never pleasant, but sometimes it is useful and necessary to do so.

~Daniel Handler

Siblings that say they never fight are most definitely hiding something

~Daniel Handler

Blank paper has always inspired me.

~Daniel Handler

It is easy to decide on what is wrong to wear to a party, such as deep-sea diving equipment or a pair of large pillows, but deciding what is right is much trickier.

~Daniel Handler

I think pirates, like astronauts, particularly for a boy, are always kind of worth thinking about.

~Daniel Handler

If you have ever lost a loved one, then you know exactly how it feels. And if you have not, then you cannot possibly imagine it.

~Daniel Handler

There are two types of panicking: standing still and not saying a word, and leaping all over the place babbling anything that comes into your head.

~Daniel Handler

You know, there's a big world out there filled with desperate orphans who would gladly swim across an ocean of thumbtacks just to be eclipsed by the long shadow that is cast by my accomplishments.

~Daniel Handler

A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them.

~Daniel Handler

Shyness is a curious thing, because, like quicksand, it can strike people at any time, and also, like quicksand, it usually makes its victims look down.

~Daniel Handler

There are few sights sadder than a ruined book.

~Daniel Handler

Sometimes even in most unfortunate of lives there will occur a moment or two of good.

~Daniel Handler

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