

Dave Eggers Quotes

*Thinking, Book, People, Writing, Pain, School, Needs, Kids, Ideas, Years,
World, Simple, Morning, Stories, Men, Self, Want, Eye, Might, Dark*

We are unusual and tragic and alive.

~Dave Eggers

I met a lot of great people in Saudi Arabia and I'd like to see them again. And I'd love to spend more time in the desert and in the mountains. I felt really at home there.

~Dave Eggers

Dignity is an affectation, cute but eccentric, like learning French or collecting scarves.

~Dave Eggers

We must do extraordinary things. We have to. It would be absurd not to.

~Dave Eggers

Books have a unique way of stopping time in a particular moment and saying: Let's not forget this.

~Dave Eggers

Better to be at the bottom of a ladder you want to climb than in the middle of some ladder you don't, right?

~Dave Eggers

Again the greatest use of a human was to be useful. Not to consume, not to watch, but to do something for someone else that improved their life, even for a few minutes.

~Dave Eggers

Here I am Rock You Like a Hurricane.

~Dave Eggers

But everyone disappears, no matter who loves them.

~Dave Eggers

Pain comes at me and I take it, chew it for a few minutes, and spit it back out. It's just not my thing anymore.

~Dave Eggers

Still though, I think if you're not self-obsessed, you're probably boring.

~Dave Eggers

3. There are bears and there are small dogs. Be strong like bear! If they take out your teeth, sit on the dogs. Bears always forget they can just sit on the dogs. Sit on the dogs.

~Dave Eggers

Some of these kids just don't plain know how good they are: how smart and how much they have to say. You can tell them. You can shine that light on them, one human interaction at a time.

~Dave Eggers

Humans are divided between those who can still look through the eyes of youth and those who cannot.

~Dave Eggers

We see the beauty within and cannot say no.

~Dave Eggers

Why did we do that to Pluto? We had it good with Pluto.

~Dave Eggers

You invite things to happen. You open the door. You inhale. And if you inhale the chaos, you give the chaos, the chaos gives back.

~Dave Eggers

I have no idea how people function without near-constant internal chaos. I'd lose my mind.

~Dave Eggers

Suffering is only suffering if it's done in silence, in solitude. Pain experienced in public, in view of loving millions, was no longer pain. It was communion.

~Dave Eggers

Maybe he was more than the sum of his broken parts.

~Dave Eggers

I don't mean to beat a made-in-America drum, but I would be lying if I said it doesn't feel somehow right to be printing books in the U.S.

~Dave Eggers

Morning comes like a scream through a pinhole.

~Dave Eggers

I need eight hours to get maybe 20 minutes of work done. I had one of those yesterday: seven hours of self-loathing.

~Dave Eggers

There is travel and there are babies; everything else is drudgery and death.

~Dave Eggers

People are strange, but more than that, they're good. They're good first, then strange.

~Dave Eggers

I'm interested in the human impact of the giant foot of misplaced government. After all, we encounter it every day.

~Dave Eggers

We were fools and now we were driving to our deaths in a rental car. Janet Jackson was tinkling from the speakers, asking what we had done for her as of late

~Dave Eggers

We are all feeding from each other, all the time, every day.

~Dave Eggers

The raising of a child is the building of a cathedral. You can't cut corners.

~Dave Eggers

I had the sensation that I might always be running like this, that I would always have to run, and that I would always be able to run.

~Dave Eggers

You know, it's been proven that 35 to 40 hours a year with one-on-one attention, a student can get one grade level higher

~Dave Eggers

And there is a chance that everything we did was incorrect, but stasis is itself criminal for those with the means to move, and the means to weave communion between people.

~Dave Eggers

Be strong, be brave, be true. Endure.

~Dave Eggers

I hung up the phone, jubilant, and threw myself into a wall, then pretended to be getting electrocuted. I do this when I'm very happy.

~Dave Eggers

The only infallible truth of our lives is that everything we love in life will be taken from us.

~Dave Eggers

It is no way to live, to wait to love.

~Dave Eggers

It's not that our family has no taste, it's just that our family's taste is inconsistent.

~Dave Eggers

I've never had WiFi at home. I'm too easily distracted, and YouTube is too tempting.

~Dave Eggers

It was just an idea I had, that it could be cool to have a book covered in fake fur.

~Dave Eggers

I am a bike enthusiast; there's a certain amount of romance to bikes. They're both beautiful and utilitarian.

~Dave Eggers

Through the small tall bathroom window the December yard is gray and scratchy, the tree calligraphic.

~Dave Eggers

The house is a factory.

~Dave Eggers

Because I grew up with this naive expectation of people doing right, I get shocked by every little violation.

~Dave Eggers

I grew up north of Chicago, not far from where the Schwinn bicycle plant used to be, and was conscious of the fact that these beautiful, everlasting bikes were made just down the road.

~Dave Eggers

Why do you want to be on The Real World? Because I want everyone to witness my youth. Why? Isn't it gorgeous?

~Dave Eggers

If you don't want anyone to know about your existence, you might as well kill yourself. You're taking up space, air.

~Dave Eggers

If your hand doesn't work for it, your heart doesn't feel sorry for it.

~Dave Eggers

All I ever wanted was to know what to do.

~Dave Eggers

I think almost every writer in the world would hope that books would be always talked about with respect and civility and depth and seriousness.

~Dave Eggers

I was feeling everything too much. Everything pulled at my eyes. I spent hours floating in pools.

~Dave Eggers

My head was a condemned church with a ceiling of bats, but I swung from this dark mood to euphoria when I thought about leaving.

~Dave Eggers

And what we were trying to offer every day was one-on-one attention. The goal was to have a one-to-one ratio with every one of these students.

~Dave Eggers

Hello Frances, I have just been to health class, and I was wondering how your feminine parts were developing.

~Dave Eggers

I think there's a future where the Web and print coexist and they each do things uniquely and complement each other, and we have what could be the ultimate and best-yet array of journalistic venues.

~Dave Eggers

The only thing that everyone needs to look out for is keeping the students reading through high school and thereafter.

~Dave Eggers

But that in any city, in any cluster of people, there a few people who are awake at this hour, who are both awake and dancing, and it's here that we need to be.

~Dave Eggers

When we pass by another person without telling them we love them it's cruel and wrong and we all know this.

~Dave Eggers

All we really want is for no one to have a boring life, to be impressive, so we can be impressed. ~ on the friends we choose.

~Dave Eggers

I see colors like you hear jet planes.

~Dave Eggers

Well, my background is journalism. I don't have any creative-writing experience except for one class I took as a sophomore in college.

~Dave Eggers

Paper is a uniquely beautiful format, more so than the web, I think: you need to invest in the aesthetics.

~Dave Eggers

I'm better than you think. I'm even better than I think I am.

~Dave Eggers

I went to public school all my life and all through college and I liked it.

~Dave Eggers

There is no faith like the faith of a builder of homes in coastal Louisiana

~Dave Eggers

I often cannot believe the things I do.

~Dave Eggers

WHEN we don't get the results we want in our military endeavors, we don't blame the soldiers.

~Dave Eggers

No. There is no balance, and no retribution, and no rules. The rules and balances you blather about are hopeful creations of a man fearing death.

~Dave Eggers

We would oppose the turning of the planet and refuse the setting of the sun.

~Dave Eggers

We lose weeks like buttons, like pencils.

~Dave Eggers

But what I really want is to just swim around in a warm baby pool of these friends, jump in their dry leaf pile-to rub them all over myself, without words and clothes.

~Dave Eggers

But while mum and dad were incredibly caring, it was also a very

chaotic household where everyone fought about everything. So I know what it's like to internalize all that chaos.

~Dave Eggers

But I'm thinking about 12 things at once, a hundred thousand times a day. Most people do, I would imagine.

~Dave Eggers

She felt some measure of relief knowing that in the very least, on the open road she would have some time to think.

~Dave Eggers

Love is implicit in every connection. It should be. Thus when absent it makes us insane. (You Shall Know Our Velocity)

~Dave Eggers

Once a year, she remembers that she is insignificant. Then she forgets again, because more than she is insignificant, she is forgetful.

~Dave Eggers

Every time my brain parks the car neatly in the driveway, my mouth drives through the back of the garage.

~Dave Eggers

Good artists exist in what they make, and consequently are perfectly uninteresting in what they are.

~Dave Eggers

The pain is not great. But the symbolism is disagreeable.

~Dave Eggers

You can't ever guess at life, at pain. All pain is real, and all pain is personal. It's the most personal thing we have. It eats each of us differently.

~Dave Eggers

Every story we remember is a novel. Novels make things more universal.

~Dave Eggers

It was always difficult to get cattle returned once a marriage was dissolved.

~Dave Eggers

But that's one lifetime." Yeah." But while doing that one I'd want to be able to have done other stuff. Whole other lives- the one where I sail-" I know, on a boat you made yourself.

~Dave Eggers

This boy thinks I am not of his species, that I am some other kind of creature, one that can be crushed under the weight of a phone book. The pain is not great, but the symbolism is disagreeable.

~Dave Eggers

There are many Saudi women doctors, and there are many wealthy and powerful and well-educated Saudi women who circumvent the restrictions put upon them, quietly or otherwise.

~Dave Eggers

Tim O'Brien's book about Vietnam, *The Things They Carried*, has won every award, is studied in college and is considered to be definitive. But it's fiction.

~Dave Eggers

To me any given story has its appropriate form. There might be some story I get involved with that's begging to be a graphic novel, so that will have to be that way.

~Dave Eggers

I love to be surprised or challenged or told that I know less than I thought that I knew. I know it's an old saw, but the older I get the less I know I know.

~Dave Eggers

When you adapt a book, you really have to cut it to the essence.

~Dave Eggers

Loneliness is just a thing that I'm not personally interested in. So far, it hasn't been on my docket of things to write about.

~Dave Eggers

I still get my news from the newspaper in the morning. I just have an affection for paper, and that's no secret, I guess.

~Dave Eggers

I worked at magazines for over 10 years before I even thought of writing a book.

~Dave Eggers

It's so easy to print in the Midwest. You're saving months in shipping and customs, so we have started printing a number of books there.

~Dave Eggers

I can remember exactly where I sat when my teacher first read Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach'.

~Dave Eggers

I always like the idea of doing interviews with somebody but completely seriously not ever mentioning what that person is generally known for.

~Dave Eggers

I think I'm far too hopeful and trusting. That's something I got from my mum.

~Dave Eggers

But Saudi Arabia is surprising in a lot of ways. Like any place, or any people, it relentlessly defies easy categorization.

~Dave Eggers

Every time I get through the work on a book of nonfiction, I say I'll never do it again; it takes so much out of you.

~Dave Eggers

Having lost people when they were young, you feel intimately acquainted with mortality, I guess. Though I procrastinate worse than anybody.

~Dave Eggers

Recently, I've discovered Radiohead and find them to be quite good. So clearly, I'm some kind of musical retard. (Jonathan Ames, *Middle-American Gothic*)

~Dave Eggers

They were so in love with the world, and so disappointed in every aspect of it.

~Dave Eggers

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