

# David Gemmell

## Quotes

*Men, War, Evil, Believe, People, Fighting, Thinking, Heart, Winning, Hero, Kings, Real, May, Strong, Love Is, Children, Coward, Dream, Fear, Life Is*

Nothing of real worth can ever be bought. Love, friendship, honour, valour, respect. All these things have to be earned.

~David Gemmell

Old age is not as honorable as death, but most people seek it.

~David Gemmell

Do not speak badly of yourself, for the warrior that is inside you hears your words and is lessened by them.

~David Gemmell

May all your dreams but one come true, for what is life without a dream?

~David Gemmell

There's no shame in fear. But understand this - the coward is ruled by fear, while the hero rides it like a wild stallion.

~David Gemmell

We make choices everyday, some of them good, some of them bad. And - if we are strong enough - we live with the consequences.

~David Gemmell

I may be stupid, as you say, to believe in honour and friendship and loyalty without price. But these are virtues to be cherished, for without them we are no more than beasts roaming the land.

~David Gemmell

A man with wife and daughters has no place losing his temper.

~David Gemmell

Fear is an aid to the warrior. It is a small fire burning. It heats the muscles, making us stronger. Panic comes when the fire is out of control, consuming all courage and pride.

~David Gemmell

I underestimated you, woman." ... "The cry of men down the ages.

~David Gemmell

A man should be free to do what he wants to do, as long as it doesn't hurt others.

~David Gemmell

I don't give a damn, laddie. Until the actual moment, when they cut me down, I shall still be looking to win. And the gods of war are fickle at best.

~David Gemmell

I make little distinction between those who commit evil and those who stand by and do nothing.

~David Gemmell

Evil lives in a pit. If you want to fight it, you must climb down into the slime to do so. White cloaks show the dirt more than black, and silver tarnishes.

~David Gemmell

Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone fails at something.

~David Gemmell

Trust your instincts, and make judgements on what your heart tells you. The heart will not betray you.

~David Gemmell

Every little bit of good I may do, let me do it now for I may not come this way again.

~David Gemmell

Heroes are people who face down their fears. It is that simple.

~David Gemmell

I caught a pebble in the moonlight.

~David Gemmell

Some people have a gift for stupidity, an almost mystic ability to withstand any form of logic.

~David Gemmell

A man's strength is ultimately born of his knowledge of his own weakness.

~David Gemmell

Nothing in life is sure, my son. Except the promise of death.

~David Gemmell

Steal a loaf of bread and they hang you, steal a land and they'll make you king.

~David Gemmell

'Do not expect help.' 'One should always hope.' 'Then hope for a handsome savage with kindly ways.'

~David Gemmell

Be at peace, my friend. One thing I have learnt about Death is that his bark is worse than his bite.

~David Gemmell

Foolish: It's all foolish. Life is a farce a stupid, sickening farce played out by fools.

~David Gemmell

A warrior...must believe in his strength of will, of purpose, of heart and

soul.

~David Gemmell

I don't know yet whether I fully believe in fate, but certain things do happen in a man's life that he cannot explain.

~David Gemmell

A cynic by experience, a romantic by inclination and now a hero by necessity.

~David Gemmell

She was his north star, the fixed point round which his world turned. For as long as his heart beat, or hers, he believed they would always share a destiny.

~David Gemmell

It would be a fine thing if war could be conducted as a game where no lives were lost. At the end of a battle combatants could meet [...] and drink and talk.

~David Gemmell

It's a funny thing about weaknesses....Most people will tell you they know their weaknesses. When asked, they'll tell you, 'Well for one thing, I'm overgenerous.' ... that's what innkeepers are for.

~David Gemmell

In my experience all women deserve someone better.

~David Gemmell

Men don't change. They just learn to disguise the lack of change.

~David Gemmell

There is evil in all of us, and it is the mark of a man how he defies the evil within.

~David Gemmell

Do not complain of life's unfairness. It is never fair - at best it is impartial.

~David Gemmell

No matter how impossible this war, I shall fight to win. Whatever I have to do, I will do.

~David Gemmell

The night has a capacity for terror that the day can never match.

~David Gemmell

I was a man before I was a king, and no true man walks away when a friend needs him.

~David Gemmell

Love is both wondrous and yet full of peril. Love is a gateway through which hatred - disguised and unrecognized - can pass.

~David Gemmell

Miracles are merely events that happen just when they are needed.

~David Gemmell

If there is one sound that follows the march of humanity, it is the scream.

~David Gemmell

What is life if a man cannot count on his friends when he has gone mad?

~David Gemmell

Life is nothing unless death has been faced down.

~David Gemmell

Plan for the worst, expect the best.

~David Gemmell

We are full of dreams [...] We long for the unattainable. We believe in the nonsense of fables. There is no pure love; there is lust and there is need.

~David Gemmell

All men have talents. Some build, some paint, some write, some fight. For me it is different.

~David Gemmell

This world has few redeeming features, and one is the capacity for people to love one another with great, enduring passion.

~David Gemmell

By nature of definition only the coward is capable of the highest heroism

~David Gemmell

Most of the heroes we remember we remember only because they won. To win you must be ruthless. Single-minded ... which was why he had no friends just admirers.

~David Gemmell

Too many people go through life without pausing to enjoy what they have.

~David Gemmell

There are times, Sember, when I could believe your mother had a secret lover. Looking at you makes me wonder if it was one of my goats.

~David Gemmell

If you look at any ancient civilization, they've all used fantasy stories to train the young.

~David Gemmell

Most wars are fought for greed, but we are luckier here we fight for our lives and the lives of the people we love.

~David Gemmell

We all have scars [...] Better by far for them to be worn on the outside.

~David Gemmell

[H]e who fears to lose will never win.

~David Gemmell

When your life has been spent in one war after another for forty-five years, you have to be pretty handy to survive.

~David Gemmell

Liberty is only valued when it is threatened, therefore it is the threat that highlights the value. We should be grateful to the Nadir, since they heighten the value of our liberty.

~David Gemmell

I am not going to talk about patriotism, duty, liberty, and the defense of freedom because that's all dung to a soldier.

~David Gemmell

While men compete in war, there will be warriors. While there are warriors, there will be princes among warriors. Among the princes will be kings, and among the kings an emperor.

~David Gemmell

Evil lives in a pit. If you want to fight it - you must climb down in the slime to do so.



~David Gemmell

Life is not so simple. There are many futures. The life of a single person is like a great tree: every branch, every twig, every leaf is a possible future.

~David Gemmell

It is not hard to change when your biggest problem is whether the weeds prosper in a vegetable patch.

~David Gemmell

In real war an officer may have only one chance at succeeding. Consider each problem.

~David Gemmell

I think maybe it is better to believe than not to believe. But I couldn't tell you why.

~David Gemmell

When healers yearn to kill then hope begins to die ... Evil cannot be overcome by evil.

~David Gemmell

Evil will never be countered while good men do nothing.

~David Gemmell

You are getting too old for this. A man is as old as he feels, woman! And how old do you feel? About ninety.

~David Gemmell

The purpose of debates is to explore issues, not end them.

~David Gemmell

Hold on to your dreams, Kiall. They are more important than you

realise.

~David Gemmell

Love is for fools. It is a surging of blood in the loins ... there is no mystery, and no magic. Find someone else, my boy.

~David Gemmell

Every man has his own reason for every deed. Usually it is selfish.

~David Gemmell

[F]ear is a great ally.

~David Gemmell

Life is a struggle, from the agonies of birth to the railing against death. Devour or be devoured. The law of the wild.

~David Gemmell

This is the real magic of fantasy fiction: it can feed souls and change lives.

~David Gemmell

Our souls are but leaves in a storm, and only the gods know where we will come to rest.

~David Gemmell

You know how it is. Boy meets girl, girl wants boy dead. An everyday story, really.

~David Gemmell

Kings are chosen by the Source, so it is said. [...] Therefore those who fight for the king can be said to be godly. Is that not cause enough?

~David Gemmell

A man can overcome his background, even as he can overcome a

skilled opponent.

~David Gemmell

None of us can choose the manner of our passing.

~David Gemmell

... Life can be savored only if you look to the future and leave vengeance to the gods

~David Gemmell

A man must know his limitations.

~David Gemmell

Win or lose, we achieve nothing in the world that we understand [...] 'But then the world does not matter.' 'Indeed it does not [...] It is good to understand that.

~David Gemmell

You do not convince me. You rationalize your actions and because the result is favorable you become right.

~David Gemmell

War. What was it about the prospect of some bloody enterprises that reduced men to the level of animals?

~David Gemmell

Your face may be gone, but you know who you are.

~David Gemmell

Societies need heroes. So we travel to places where the revisionists cannot dismantle the great.

~David Gemmell

It is a merchant's nature to quibble over coins. It is how we become rich

and buy satin shirts. The problems of who governs this area is one for another day.

~David Gemmell

Blood always aids blood, my friend.

~David Gemmell

All beauty is sad. [...] For it fades.

~David Gemmell

The point is [...] that you never know whether you've lost until you've lost. Anything can happen.

~David Gemmell

Death haunts everyone and never fails.

~David Gemmell

Come back and stand with us, lad. We will all go down together that's what makes us who we are.

~David Gemmell

Never be glad that another man has died. Not ever. [...] It never ends. Never... ever... be glad to kill.

~David Gemmell

An enemy is like a man's most prized flower. It brings him joy to see it buried in the ground.

~David Gemmell

Life is sad enough, Magir. Laughter is a thing to be treasured.

~David Gemmell

But men don't come in just two groups, one of gold and the other of lead. They are a mix of both." "And what about women?" "Pure gold,

my girl," Rayvan answered with a chuckle.

~David Gemmell

Bow to nothing, son. I make mistakes as well as any man. If you think me wrong, be so good as to damn well say so.

~David Gemmell

No one can take away the freedom of a man's soul.

~David Gemmell

One hundred only, Lord Earl. But judge us not by our number. Rather, watch the numbers of dead we leave behind.

~David Gemmell

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