

David Nicholls

Quotes

*Thinking, People, Writing, Book, Years, Mean, Believe, One Day, Hands, Ideas,
Important, Moving, Night, Character, Nice, Reading, Laughing, Growing Up,
Facts, Moments*

You can live your whole life not realizing that what you're looking for is right in front of you.

~David Nicholls

This is where it all begins. Everything starts here, today.

~David Nicholls

Be nice wont you?" "I am nice, I'm always nice." "But not too nice. I mean don't make a religion out of it, niceness.

~David Nicholls

Cherish your friends, stay true to your principles, live passionately and fully and well. Experience new things. Love and be loved, if you ever get the chance

~David Nicholls

I'm not the consolation prize, Dex. I'm not something you resort to. I happen to think I'm worth more than that.

~David Nicholls

Envy was just the tax you paid on success.

~David Nicholls

Salmon. Salmon, salmon, salmon, salmon. I eat so much salmon at these weddings, twice a year I get this urge to swim upstream.

~David Nicholls

Whatever happens tomorrow, we had today; and I'll always remember it

~David Nicholls

No, friends were like clothes: fine while they lasted but eventually they wore thin or you grew out of them.

~David Nicholls

Just kidding' was exactly what people wrote when they meant every word.

~David Nicholls

Cuddling was for great aunts and teddy bears. Cuddling gave him cramp.

~David Nicholls

I had always been led to believe that ageing was a slow and gradual process, the creep of a glacier. Now I realise that it happens in a rush, like snow falling off a roof.

~David Nicholls

The true writer, the born writer, will scribble words on scraps of litter, the back of a bus tickets, on the wall of a cell.

~David Nicholls

I applied for the University of Life. Didn't get the grades.

~David Nicholls

Better by far to be good and courageous and bold and to make difference. Not change the world exactly, but the bit around you

~David Nicholls

She glanced at the other diners, all of them going into their act, and thought is this what it all boils down to? Romantic love, is this all it is, a talent show?

~David Nicholls

Screenwriting is always about what people say or do, whereas good writing is about a thought process or an abstract image or an internal monologue, none of which works on screen.

~David Nicholls

Dexter, I love you so much. So, so much, and I probably always will. I just don't like you anymore. I'm sorry.

~David Nicholls

These days grief seems like walking on a frozen river; most of the time he feels safe enough, but there is always that danger that he will plunge through.

~David Nicholls

Call me sentimental, but there's no-one in the world that I'd like to see get dysentery more than you

~David Nicholls

If you have to keep a secret it's because you shouldn't be doing it in the first place

~David Nicholls

He wanted to live life in such a way that if a photograph were taken at random, it would be a cool photograph.

~David Nicholls

To have had fame, even very minor fame, and to have lost it, got older and maybe put on a little weight is a kind of living death.

~David Nicholls

A joke was not a single-use item but something you brought out again and again until it fell apart in your hand like a cheap umbrella.

~David Nicholls

Afterward, there was some debate as to whether we'd actually "done it properly," which gives you some idea of the awesome skill and artful dexterity of my lovemaking technique.

~David Nicholls

I'm trying to be inspiring! I'm trying to lift your grubby soul for the great adventure that lies ahead of you!

~David Nicholls

Don't keep fighting battles that are already lost.

~David Nicholls

Time to tidy up your life. Time to start again.

~David Nicholls

You've got to stop letting women slip drugs into your mouth, Dex, it's unhygienic. And dangerous. One day it'll be a cyanide capsule.

~David Nicholls

The city had defeated her, just like they said it would. Like some overcrowded party, no one had noticed her arrival, and would notice if she left.

~David Nicholls

And of course there is always joy in witnessing the joy of others

~David Nicholls

She was reaching the limits of how much its possible to change a man

~David Nicholls

Letters, like compilation tapes, were really vehicles for unexpressed emotions and she was clearly putting far too much time and energy into them.

~David Nicholls

I suppose the important thing is to make some sort of difference.

~David Nicholls

...and once again Dexter is struck by how easy conversation can be

when no-one is in their right mind

~David Nicholls

For some time now she has had the conviction that life is about to change if only because it must. . . .

~David Nicholls

As new dawns go, this one is depressingly like the old dawn.

~David Nicholls

Why can't you just love me? Why can't you just be in love with me?

~David Nicholls

I want my best friend back, she thinks, because without him nothing is good and nothing is right.

~David Nicholls

Dont run before you can walk

~David Nicholls

So must people hate their jobs. That's why they're called it jobs

~David Nicholls

Welcome to the graveyard of ambition.

~David Nicholls

And then some days you wake up and everything's perfect

~David Nicholls

Oh you know me. I have no emotions. I'm a robot. Or a nun. A robot nun.

~David Nicholls

In the future, I'll be braver, she told herself. In the future, I will always

Speak my mind, eloquently, passionately.

~David Nicholls

I think reality is over-rated

~David Nicholls

Today. This bright new day that awaits us

~David Nicholls

She made you decent, and in return you made her so happy

~David Nicholls

It's hard to overestimate the teenage appetite for high drama.

~David Nicholls

Work hard at . . . something.

~David Nicholls

Fear and anxiety are great motivators for me.

~David Nicholls

The fact was I loved my wife to a degree that I found impossible to express, and so rarely did.

~David Nicholls

Read a book at the right age and it will stay with you for life.

~David Nicholls

I read a lot of F. Scott Fitzgerald. I love 'Tender is the Night,' and its atmosphere of doomed romance. He was one of the greatest prose stylists, with a wonderfully clear but lyrical quality.

~David Nicholls

But at the best of times she feels like a character in a Muriel Spark

novel " independent, bookish, sharp-minded, secretly romantic.

~David Nicholls

She shouldn't speak her thoughts; nothing good ever came of speaking your thoughts.

~David Nicholls

[He] didn't like to think of himself as vain, but there were definitely times when he wished there was someone on hand to take his photograph.

~David Nicholls

"she was discovering once again that reading and writing were not the same " you couldn't just soak it up then squeeze it out again.

~David Nicholls

If you're my friend I should be able to talk to you but I can't, and if I can't talk to you, well, what is the point of you? Of us?

~David Nicholls

Maybe we've grown out of each other.

~David Nicholls

'I'm just not prepared to be treated like this anymore.' 'Treated like what?' She sighed, and it was a moment before she spoke. 'Like you always want to be somewhere else, with someone else.'

~David Nicholls

Happyish. Well, happyish isn't so bad.' 'It's the most we can hope for.'

~David Nicholls

As a matter of fact, I think there are more things important in life than "relationships.

~David Nicholls

We're not ourselves, are we? I'm certainly not myself, not anymore. And you're not either. You don't seem yourself. Not as I remember you.

~David Nicholls

Being a decent human being will require effort and energy.

~David Nicholls

Sometimes, when it is going badly, she wonders if what she believes to be a love of the written word is really just a fetish for stationary.

~David Nicholls

The future rose up ahead of her, a succession of empty days, each more daunting and unknowable than the one before her.

~David Nicholls

What must that be like? To be admired before you've even said a word, to be desired two or three hundred times a day by people who have absolutely no idea what you're like?

~David Nicholls

A moment passed, perhaps half a second when their faces said what they felt, and then Emma was smiling, laughing, her arms around his neck.

~David Nicholls

I am not up to this. I am not capable. I thought I would be, but I'm not. Some part of me is missing, and I cannot do this.

~David Nicholls

Find the thing you love, and do it with all your heart, to the absolute best of your ability, no matter what people say.

~David Nicholls

You're gorgeous, you old hag, and if I could give you just one gift ever

for the rest of your life it would be this. Confidence. It would be the gift of confidence. Either that or a scented candle

~David Nicholls

Were helping build capability and capacity in the new Iraqi Navy

~David Nicholls

I've been a compulsive reader for as long as I can remember.

~David Nicholls

Well, it's so hard for books to take off. You give years of your life to something that probably won't happen, so when it does, it feels a little unjust.

~David Nicholls

As a novelist, I'm incredibly lucky to make a living, but that doesn't mean that I don't lie awake at four o'clock in the morning, worrying.

~David Nicholls

I identified with Pip from 'Great Expectations,' especially when I was younger; I had the same kind of gaucheness and uncertainty.

~David Nicholls

I work three days at home, and two days in the British Library or the London Library, just to get out of the house and hide from the children.

~David Nicholls

I would never complain about One Day taking off but it made me painfully self-conscious for a long time.

~David Nicholls

I think probably I'm quite sentimental; I like big emotional stories, I like being moved by things, but I think I'm very embarrassed by sentiment. I'm very embarrassed by corniness.

~David Nicholls

If she does have a failing, and it's obviously only a tiny one, it's that she doesn't seem particularly curious about other people, or me, anyway.

~David Nicholls

She had reached a turning point. She no longer believed that a situation could be made better by writing a poem about it.

~David Nicholls

The problem with all these fiercely individualistic girls was that they were all exactly the same.

~David Nicholls

but they had also settled into the maddening familiarity of friendship; maddening for her at least.

~David Nicholls

He's a better person when she's around, and isn't that what friends are for, to raise you up and keep you at your best?

~David Nicholls

She realises that if she is to save the show she is going to have to improvise a rousing speech, one of the many Henry V moments that make up her working life.

~David Nicholls

Sometimes I wish that I hadn't learned how to crochet," I say, and Alice laughs. Obviously she thinks I'm joking, which is maybe for the best.

~David Nicholls

No matter how predictable, banal and listless the rest of my life might be, you can guarantee that there'll always be something interesting going on with my skin.

~David Nicholls

He could feel her laughter against his chest, and at that moment he thought that there was no better feeling than making Emma Morley laugh.

~David Nicholls

I've only ever been recognised in the street once. In Sweden, strangely.

~David Nicholls

Their friendship was like a wilted bunch of flowers that she insisted on topping up with water. Why not let it die instead?

~David Nicholls

Do you miss her?' 'Who? Emma? Of course. Every day. She was my best friend.

~David Nicholls

So - whatever happened to you?' 'Life. Life happened.

~David Nicholls

At some point you'll have to get serious about life.

~David Nicholls

At university, I used to write silly little sketches and monologues, but never fiction.

~David Nicholls

Well, I don't think Hollywood's a dirty word at all, I love a lot of Hollywood films.

~David Nicholls

This isn't a letter, it's a gift.

~David Nicholls

You start out wanting to change the world through language, and end up thinking it's enough to tell a few good jokes.

~David Nicholls

She used to pride herself on her refusal to see two sides of an argument, but increasingly she accepts that issues are more ambiguous and complicated than she once thought.

~David Nicholls

Mortified at the speed with which intimacy evaporates.

~David Nicholls

Related Links:

- [Thinking Quotes](#)
- [People Quotes](#)
- [Writing Quotes](#)
- [Book Quotes](#)
- [Years Quotes](#)
- [Mean Quotes](#)
- [Believe Quotes](#)
- [One Day Quotes](#)
- [Hands Quotes](#)
- [Ideas Quotes](#)
- [Important Quotes](#)
- [Moving Quotes](#)
- [Night Quotes](#)
- [Character Quotes](#)
- [Nice Quotes](#)
- [Reading Quotes](#)
- [Laughing Quotes](#)
- [Growing Up Quotes](#)
- [Facts Quotes](#)
- [Moments Quotes](#)