

# Dean Koontz

## Quotes

*People, Book, Dog, Heart, Writing, Thinking, Real, Literature, Believe, World,  
Men, Mind, Lying, Self, Love, Giving, Dream, Evil, Pain, Night*

The functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.

~Dean Koontz

The whisper of the dusk is night shedding its husk.

~Dean Koontz

Where there is cake, there is hope. And there is always cake.

~Dean Koontz

Petting, scratching, and cuddling a dog could be as soothing to the mind and heart as deep meditation and almost as good for the soul as prayer.

~Dean Koontz

Only once in a generation does anything as fresh as a vomiting detective come along.

~Dean Koontz

Nothing is worse than being alone on the evening of the day when one's cow has exploded.

~Dean Koontz

The hands of every clock are shears, trimming us away scrap by scrap, and every time piece with a digital readout blinks us towards implosion.

~Dean Koontz

Most people tend to think the best of those who are blessed with beauty; we have difficulty imagining that physical perfection can conceal twisted emotions or a damaged mind.

~Dean Koontz

Any drunk who has tried to put his car where a lamppost stands is a self-educated physicist.

~Dean Koontz

Given my heritage and the ordeal of my childhood, I sometimes wonder why I myself am not insane. Maybe I am.

~Dean Koontz

Anger is a violent emotion, vindictive, and as dangerous to he who is driven by it as to anyone on whom it is turned.

~Dean Koontz

Sometimes there is no darker place than our thoughts, the moonless midnight of the mind.

~Dean Koontz

Human beings can always be relied upon to exert, with vigor, their God-given right to be stupid.

~Dean Koontz

Cowards shrink from toil and peril, Vulgar souls attempt and fail; Men of mettle, nothing daunted, Persevere till they prevail.

~Dean Koontz

The most identifying trait of humanity is our ability to be inhumane to one another.

~Dean Koontz

Doubt is poison. It leads to a loss of faith in yourself, and in all that's good and true.

~Dean Koontz

Hope is the destination that we seek. Love is the road that leads to hope. Courage is the motor that drives us. We travel out of darkness into faith.

~Dean Koontz

If dogs talked, one of them would be president by now. Everybody likes dogs.

~Dean Koontz

Once you have had a wonderful dog, a life without one, is a life diminished.

~Dean Koontz

We are buried when we're born. The world is a place of graves occupied and graves potential. Life is what happens while we wait for our appointment with the mortician.

~Dean Koontz

Humanity is a parade of fools, and I am at the front of it, twirling a baton.

~Dean Koontz

Those who wish to punish the current and future generations for the inequities of a generation long gone, and who equate justice with revenge, are the most dangerous people in the world.

~Dean Koontz

We can approach belief from an intellectual path, but in the end, God must be taken on faith. Proofs are for things of this world, things in time and of time, not beyond time.

~Dean Koontz

In the belly of Leviathan ... one can either despair and perish, or be cheerful and persevere.

~Dean Koontz

Although charismatic, James Dean is no Harrison Ford. In the majority of his movies, sooner or later he got the crap beaten out of him.

~Dean Koontz

Time doesn't, as advertised, heal all wounds. Although the wrenching immediacy of grief eventually passed, the settled sorrow that replaced it might in its own way be even more intense.

~Dean Koontz

A scar is not always a flaw. Sometimes a scar may be redemption inscribed in the flesh, a memorial to something endured, to something lost.

~Dean Koontz

Life had not taught me to distrust ministers, but it had taught me to trust no one more than dogs.

~Dean Koontz

I really believe that everyone has a talent, ability, or skill that he can mine to support himself and to succeed in life.

~Dean Koontz

No one can grant you happiness. Happiness is a choice we all have the power to make.

~Dean Koontz

Hope, however, isn't all that's needed to achieve change. Hope is a hand extended, but two hands are required to be pulled out of this deep hole. The second hand was faith.

~Dean Koontz

Writing isn't a source of pain. It's psychic chemotherapy. It reduces your psychological tumors and relieves your pain.

~Dean Koontz

We have a responsibility to stand watch over one another, we are watchers, all of us, watchers, guarding against the darkness.

~Dean Koontz

In self-defense and in defense of the innocent, cowardice is the only sin.

~Dean Koontz

No, if there's any ultimate redemption, it would be because I passed through your life without scarring you, and did not diminish who you are.

~Dean Koontz

We are not born to wait. We are born to do.

~Dean Koontz

Houses are not haunted. We are haunted, and regardless of the architecture with which we surround ourselves, our ghosts stay with us until we ourselves are ghosts.

~Dean Koontz

The destruction that barbarians leave behind has a grim fascination, doesn't it? We're reminded how thin is the veneer of civilization.

~Dean Koontz

less real than such threats as a man with a gun, a woman with a knife, or a U.S. Senator with an idea.

~Dean Koontz

We're out of cocktail olives, it's a tragedy of historic proportions, but we're coping because we're Americans.

~Dean Koontz

There's evil in the world, all right. Being aware of it makes you a realist, not a paranoid.

~Dean Koontz

Fate isn't one straight road—there are forks in it, many different routes to different ends. We have the free will to choose the path.

~Dean Koontz

His blue eyes were seas where sorrow sailed.

~Dean Koontz

What does worry accomplish except to breed more worry?

~Dean Koontz

Darkness dwells within even the best of us. In the worst of us, darkness not only dwells but reigns.

~Dean Koontz

The only thing I know for sure is how much I do not know.

~Dean Koontz

The world howls for social justice, but when it comes to social responsibility, you sometimes cant even hear crickets chirping.

~Dean Koontz

In the end, it's all about perseverance.

~Dean Koontz

I don't mean to imply that I'm afraid of Death. I'm just not ready to go out on a date with him.

~Dean Koontz

When a liar became too skilled at deception, he could lose the ability to discern truth, and could himself be more easily deceived.

~Dean Koontz

Human cruelty and treachery surpassed all understanding. There were no answers. Only excuses.

~Dean Koontz

Loving the ideal more than the reality is the cause of all the misery the human species creates for itself.

~Dean Koontz

I think it's perfectly just to refuse service to anyone based on behavior, but not based on race or religion.

~Dean Koontz

When it came to formal classes, I was a slacker. But I've always been a diligent autodidact and can teach myself virtually any subject if I have a serious interest in it.

~Dean Koontz

Intuition is seeing with the soul.

~Dean Koontz

People who go to work every day, make sacrifices to raise families, and get through life without hurting other people if they can help it-those are the real heroes.

~Dean Koontz

To many people, free will is a license to rebel not against what is unjust or hard in life but against what is best for them and true.

~Dean Koontz

Every life is complicated, every mind a kingdom of unmapped mysteries.

~Dean Koontz

There's lots of law these days, but not much justice.

~Dean Koontz

I need those nukes, the chief said. I need them, I need them right now. I don't want to be an enabler, sir. I'd rather get you into a twelve step



program to help you break this addiction.

~Dean Koontz

I do give books as gifts sometimes, when people would rather have one than a new Ferrari.

~Dean Koontz

It will all be better in the end and if it is not better then it must not be the end yet

~Dean Koontz

That's all that matters, really: that we can make each other feel better.

~Dean Koontz

Best thing that can happen to a man is a good woman.

~Dean Koontz

Life, Stormy says, is not about how fast you run or even with what degree of grace. It's about perseverance, about staying on your feet and slogging forward no matter what.

~Dean Koontz

While life could be evaded, death could not.

~Dean Koontz

... and she had worn bitterness as though it were a crown.

~Dean Koontz

Few human beings give of themselves to another as a dog gives of itself.

~Dean Koontz

...at it's best fiction is medicine.

~Dean Koontz

The process, not the final achievement, is what it's all about.

~Dean Koontz

In our age, self-indulgence and self-destruction, rather than self-sacrifice, are the foundations for new heroic myths.

~Dean Koontz

A fine line separates the weary recluse from the fearful hermit. Finer still is the line between hermit and bitter misanthrope.

~Dean Koontz

We live in God's amusement park.

~Dean Koontz

Change isn't easy. Changing the way you live means changing the way you think, means changing what you believe about life. That's hard.

~Dean Koontz

Without faith to act as a governor, the human mind is a runaway worry generator, a dynamo of negative expectations.

~Dean Koontz

No one can tell you what your heart should feel.

~Dean Koontz

Even in the darkest moments, light exists if you have faith to see it.

~Dean Koontz

When a knot gets too tight, you can always cut the rope

~Dean Koontz

The heart is an artist that paints over what profoundly disturbs it, leaving on the canvas a less dark, less sharp version of the truth.

~Dean Koontz

As long as I have laughter, I am not without hope

~Dean Koontz

One of the greatest gifts we receive from dogs is the tenderness they evoke in us

~Dean Koontz

Books were this wonderful escape for me because I could open a book and disappear into it, and that was the only way out of that house when I was a kid.

~Dean Koontz

There's sometimes a weird benefit to having an alcoholic, violent father. He really motivated me in that I never wanted to be anything like him.

~Dean Koontz

A plot without action is like pasta without garlic, like Dolly Parton without cleavage, and like a writer without his similes.

~Dean Koontz

In this age, lies were the universal lubricant of the culture. A love of Truth and commitment to it were seldom rewarded and were often punished.

~Dean Koontz

Loss is the hardest thing, I said. But it's also the teacher that's the most difficult to ignore.

~Dean Koontz

I have avoided becoming stale by putting a little water on the plate, lying on the plate, and having myself refreshed in a toaster oven for 23 minutes once every month.

~Dean Koontz

One of the greatest sorrows of human existence is that some people aren't happy merely to be alive but find their happiness only in the misery of others.

~Dean Koontz

Grief is a healthy emotion, and it's healthy to embrace it. By accepting loss, we clarify our values and the meaning of our lives.

~Dean Koontz

Fear is a poison produced by the mind, and courage is the antidote stored always ready in the soul

~Dean Koontz

...in an infinite universe, anything that could be imagined might somewhere exist.

~Dean Koontz

I believe in the possibility of miracles but, more to the point, I believe in our need for them.

~Dean Koontz

A good dog is one of the best things of all to be.

~Dean Koontz

My wife is my first audience. She's a tough lady, so I can't say that I ever scare her. Except, of course, when she sees me the way I look before breakfast.

~Dean Koontz

I build a book the way coral reefs are built: millions of little calcareous skeletons piling up one atop another, though in my case the skeletons are drafts.

~Dean Koontz

I am my own worst enemy. This, more than any other trait, proves my fundamental humanity.

~Dean Koontz

We are coming out of a century that was taught that one way of looking at the world, that one form of behavior, is as valid as another. The idea of true evil has been blown away.

~Dean Koontz

When tempest tossed, embrace chaos

~Dean Koontz

We may lack riches, but the greatest fortune is what lies in our hearts.

~Dean Koontz

The biggest advice is being true to what you want to do. Don't worry if other people understand it or don't understand it. If what you're doing has merit, it will find its way.

~Dean Koontz

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