

# Deborah Harkness

## Quotes

*Vampire, Two, Blood, Desire, War, Witch, Might, Past, Powerful, Mean, Smell, Magic, Focus, Years, People, Remember, Long, Opportunity, Lenses, Ideas*

All that children need is love, a grown-up to take responsibility for them, and a soft place to land.

~Deborah Harkness

You persist in this romantic vision of what it is to be a vampire, but despite my best efforts to curb it I have a taste for blood.

~Deborah Harkness

Se Souvenir du passe, et qu'il ya un avenir: Remember the past, and that there is a future.

~Deborah Harkness

It is a blessing as well as a burden to love so much that you can hurt so badly when love is gone.

~Deborah Harkness

Yes, I see that you are behaving like a prince but that doesn't mean you won't behave like a devil at the first opportunity.

~Deborah Harkness

Memories were short and history unkind. It was the way of the world.

~Deborah Harkness

She was like a camera that had been chronically out of focus until someone came by and twisted the lenses into alignment.

~Deborah Harkness

Gallowglass returned to Sporenngasse with two vampires and a pretzel.

~Deborah Harkness

Just because something seems impossible doesn't make it untrue.

~Deborah Harkness

If the butterfly wings its way to the sweet light that attracts it, it's only because it doesn't know that the fire can consume it.

~Deborah Harkness

I wanted to know how humans came up with a view of the world that had so little magic in it. I needed to understand how they convinced themselves that magic wasn't important.

~Deborah Harkness

That evening, rowing on the quiet river as sunset turned to dusk, I saw an occasional smoky smudge on the towpath, always slightly ahead of me, like a dark star guiding me home.

~Deborah Harkness

Within days they'd formed an unholy alliance with a foppish young French vampire in the Garden District who had implausibly golden hair and a streak of ruthlessness as wide as the Mississippi

~Deborah Harkness

My ideas about vampires may be romantic, but your attitudes toward women need a major overhaul.

~Deborah Harkness

Wordlessly I looked back at him, astonished that a kiss on the palm could be so intimate.

~Deborah Harkness

Sorry, we've got ghosts.

~Deborah Harkness

My experiences thus far had me planning to throttle the first Tudor historian I met upon my return for gross dereliction of duty.

~Deborah Harkness

Sir. My lord. Master Roydon." The young man blurted out most available titles except for "Your Majesty" and "Prince of Darkness." These were implied nonetheless.

~Deborah Harkness

Desire urges me on as fear bridles me" Bruno.

~Deborah Harkness

You do angry. I just saw it. And you left at least one hole in my carpet to prove it.

~Deborah Harkness

Be still,â€• he said, voice harsh. â€œI might not be able to control myself if you step away.

~Deborah Harkness

The king just sits there, moving one square at a time. The queen can move so freely. I suppose I'd rather lose the game than forfeit her freedom.

~Deborah Harkness

English vampires may not be as well behaved around witches as the American ones are.

~Deborah Harkness

Are you smelling me?â€• After yesterday I suspected that my body was giving him all kinds of information I didn't want him to have. â€œDon't tempt me,â€• he murmured.

~Deborah Harkness

We kissed each other, long and deep, while my legs opened like the covers of a book.

~Deborah Harkness

there's nothing more powerful than human fearâ€”not magic, not vampire strength. Nothing.

~Deborah Harkness

It was a brutal picture, a tug-of-war between two equal but opposing impulses. It had the ring of truth, however.

~Deborah Harkness

In this room we understand why this war might be fought...it's about our common belief that no one has the right to tell two creatures that they cannot love each other--no matter what their species.

~Deborah Harkness

I know,I can smell it, too.

~Deborah Harkness

His full name is Matthew Gabriel Philippe Bertrand Sebastien de Clermont. He was also a very good Sebastien, and a passable Gabriel. He hates Bertrand and will not answer to Philippe.

~Deborah Harkness

Her bark is worse than her bite.

~Deborah Harkness

I was planning on starting a new file on my computer with the title "Phrases That Sound One Way to Witches but Mean Something Else to Vampires.

~Deborah Harkness

I want a simple, ordinary life . . . like humans enjoy.

~Deborah Harkness

And happiness is always louder than sadness.

~Deborah Harkness

Remember the past - and await the future.

~Deborah Harkness

As fast as I can tell there are only two emotions that keep the world spinning year after year...One is fear. The other is desire.

~Deborah Harkness

It begins with absence and desire. It begins with blood and fear. It begins with a discovery of witches.

~Deborah Harkness

Occasio praeceps, experimentum periculosum, iudicium difficile."..' Opportunity is fleeting, experiment dangerous, and judgement difficult.

~Deborah Harkness

the first requirement of war: allies must not kill each other.

~Deborah Harkness

The plain truth is that the period I study is the 16th century, and they were absolutely obsessed with witches and spiritual beings.

~Deborah Harkness

Be yourself-- Matthew Clairmont. Complete with your sharp vampire teeth and your scary mother, your test tubes full of blood and your DNA, your infuriating bossiness and your maddening sense of smell.

~Deborah Harkness

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