

# Diana Wynne Jones

## Quotes

*Sophie, Thinking, People, Girl, Heart, Long, Howl's Moving Castle, Trying, Children, Looks, Want, Men, Way, Believe, Book, Real, Hands, Said, Eye, Mean*

I think we ought to live happily ever after.

~Diana Wynne Jones

To love someone enough to let them go, you had to let them go forever or you did not love them that much.

~Diana Wynne Jones

That's why I love spiders. 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Writing for adults, you have to keep reminding them of what is going on. The poor things have given up using their brains when they read. Children you only need to tell things to once.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Happiness isn't a thing. You can't go out and get it like a cup of tea. It's the way you feel about things.

~Diana Wynne Jones

She was remorseless, but she lacked method.

~Diana Wynne Jones

A heart's a heavy burden.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Only thin, weak thinkers despise fairy stories. Each one has a true, strange fact hidden in it, you know, which you can find if you look.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I am a believer in free will. If my dog chooses to hate the whole human race except myself, it must be free to do so.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Being a hero means ignoring how silly you feel.

~Diana Wynne Jones

A garden should be natural-seeming, with wild sections, including a large area of bluebells.

~Diana Wynne Jones

And you're too nice," he added, above the lap-lap of the water and the patter of sand on the water-lily leaves. "I was relying on you being too jealous to let that demon near the place.

~Diana Wynne Jones

My shining dishonesty will be the salvation of me.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I assure you, my friends, I am cone sold stober.

~Diana Wynne Jones

But I discovered that people like me -- they do, you know, if you like them -- and then it was all right.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Hope is the forward-looking part of memory.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Pray use both cats as sponges if it pleases you, infatuated infantryman.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I've often noticed" Fiona said, "that when people say, 'This can't happen in this day and age', they say it because it is happening.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Chrestomanci smiled and swept out of the room like a very long

procession of one person.

~Diana Wynne Jones

You've no right to walk into people's castles and take their guitars.

~Diana Wynne Jones

You cannot rob robbers with a kitten in your hat!

~Diana Wynne Jones

It does not seem to me that I have the right to foist a story on people, most of whom are children who should be learning all the time, unless I am learning from it too.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Yes, you are nosy. You're a dreadfully nosy, horribly bossy, appallingly clean old woman. Control yourself. You're victimizing us all.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Howl said to Sophie, "I've been wondering all along if you would turn out to be that lovely girl I met on May Day. Why were you scared then?"

~Diana Wynne Jones

It is quite a risk to spank a wizard for getting hysterical about his hair.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Typical! I break my neck trying to get here, and I find you peacefully tidying up!

~Diana Wynne Jones

Look. Survey. Inspect. My hair is ruined! I look like a pan of bacon and eggs!

~Diana Wynne Jones

Wizard Howl," said Wizard Suliman. "I must apologize for trying to bite

you so often. In the normal way, I wouldn't dream of setting teeth in a fellow countryman.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I've got a hangover." "No, you hit your head on the floor." "I can't stay. I've got to rescue that fool Sophie.

~Diana Wynne Jones

She said 'Over my dead body!' so I took her at her word.

~Diana Wynne Jones

If I give you a hint and tell you it's a hint, it will be information.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I'm delirious. Spots are crawling before my eyes." "Those are spiders.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I feel ill," [Howl] announced. "I'm going to bed, where I may die.

~Diana Wynne Jones

You're wearing that hat? After all the magic I used to make your dress pretty?" ~Howl from the movie 'Howl's Moving Castle

~Diana Wynne Jones

Sophie did not care to think how Howl might react if Fanny woke him by stabbing him with her parasol.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Sorry, I've had enough of running away, Sophie. Now I've got something I want to protect. It's you.

~Diana Wynne Jones

What a strange family you are! Is your name Lettie too?

~Diana Wynne Jones

You must admit I have a right to live in a pigsty if I want.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Things are going round and round in my head--or maybe my head is going round and round in things.

~Diana Wynne Jones

...don't spoil my learning process!

~Diana Wynne Jones

I hope your bacon burns.

~Diana Wynne Jones

And it's a pity too that I've no right to open your letters. I hope you don't get many, or my conscience will give me no peace.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I can't abide people who go soft over animals and then cheat every human they come across!

~Diana Wynne Jones

All these things that crib and cab in your brain, in your imagination, are in fact things that might well in later life drive you insane.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Calcifer," Sophie said, "I shall have to break your contract. Will it kill you?" "It would if anyone else broke it," Calcifer said hoarsely. "That's why I asked you to do it.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Controller Borasus sighed with relief. Libraries were not places of danger. It had to be a hoax.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Howl's voice was presently heard shouting weakly, "Help me, someone! I'm dying from neglect up here!"

~Diana Wynne Jones

There is very seldom any true secret.

~Diana Wynne Jones

The truth between two people always cuts two ways.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Then watch out. I warn you!" "That is very considerate of you," said Chrestomanci. "I like to be warned.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Goats," said Maxwell Hyde, "are a special case. Mad as hatters, all of them.

~Diana Wynne Jones

But I do think that when people say 'a learning curve,' they make a mistake. Learning to me always seems to go in a straight, ignorant line and then, every so often, takes a jump straight upward.

~Diana Wynne Jones

But whoever heard of enchanted bacon anyway?

~Diana Wynne Jones

You have no right to make jigsaws of people.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I'm going up to my room now, where I may die.

~Diana Wynne Jones

In addition, Master Twinkle seems convinced that someone is denying him a pair of stripey trousers.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I seem to have excalibured this knife.

~Diana Wynne Jones

SAGE. A wise and Holy man who died a long time ago. No one modern qualifies.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Theseus made unscrupulous use of Ariadne (whom he left on an island where Bacchus later found her-I always think that really meant she took to drink, poor girl).

~Diana Wynne Jones

Nobody gets praised for the right reasons.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Settle for what you can get, but first ask for the World.

~Diana Wynne Jones

One person ought to treat another person properly, even if the person's himself.

~Diana Wynne Jones

A library is a place full of mouth-watering food for thought.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Take it from me, Fate doesn't care most of the time.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Learn to drive?" "Never," said Quentin. "My mission in life is to be a passenger.

~Diana Wynne Jones



Mother Very Easily Made Jam Sandwiches Under No Protest

~Diana Wynne Jones

Beauty isn't made of sugar.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I've seen golems. They don't behave like a real person.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Oh confound that gray-and-scarlet suit!" Sophie said. "I refuse to believe that I was the one that got caught with it!

~Diana Wynne Jones

I'll show you how," Peter said. "Stop hiding behind your ignorance.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Busy old fool, unruly Sophie

~Diana Wynne Jones

I don't think I will get married," Polly said as she stood up. "I'm going to train to be a hero instead.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Nobody can buy a hat without gossiping.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I'm beginning to think I've led a much too sheltered life.

~Diana Wynne Jones

But most dragons seem to have interesting personalities--besides probably having quite good reasons for what they do, if only one could understand them

~Diana Wynne Jones

Do you mind not being so kind and obedient? It makes me nervous.

~Diana Wynne Jones

...if the spell was off, I'd have my heart eaten before I could turn around. "Don't you want your heart eaten?" asked the fire. [...] "Naturally I don't," Sophie answered.

~Diana Wynne Jones

He scarcely saw his parents. When Christopher was small, he was terrified that he would meet Papa out walking in the Park one day and not recognize him.

~Diana Wynne Jones

If you must know, I-I had never in my life kissed a young lady, and you are far too beautiful to me to want to get it wrong!

~Diana Wynne Jones

Interesting things did seem to happen, but always to somebody else.

~Diana Wynne Jones

It's amazing the way one can take a step ten and a half miles long and still always land in a cowpat.

~Diana Wynne Jones

I could cut a star out of paper and drop it.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Oh! Polly thought. Why aren't all girls locked up by law the year they turn fifteen? They do such stupid things!

~Diana Wynne Jones

"When have you looked?" said Sophie. "Oh, how your rears flap and your long nose twitches", Howl croaked.

~Diana Wynne Jones

One does not want glory accepted as a matter of course. One wants to shock and astonish people with it.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Things we are accustomed to regard as myth or fairy story are very much present in people's lives. Nice people behave like wicked stepmothers. Every day.

~Diana Wynne Jones

A fickle heart is the only constant in this world

~Diana Wynne Jones

And indeed if you think you're a genius at something, what you achieve is very much according to your expectations; if you think you're no good, you're not going to get anywhere.

~Diana Wynne Jones

As often happened, Charmain began to despair of getting her mother to understand. She's not stupid, she just never lets her mind out, she thought.

~Diana Wynne Jones

It's a lucky child that knows that they're a genius, unaimed and all that.

~Diana Wynne Jones

Every man in Ingary is scared stiff of her. You ought to know how that feels, Sophie dear.

~Diana Wynne Jones

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