

# Dorothy Dunnett

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Man is a being of varied, manifold and inconstant nature. And woman, by God, is a match for him.

~Dorothy Dunnett

But I despised men who accepted their fate. I shaped mine twenty times and had it broken twenty times in my hands.

~Dorothy Dunnett

And habits are hell's own substitute for good intentions. Habits are the ruin of ambition, of initiative, of imagination. They're the curse of marriage and the after-bane of death.

~Dorothy Dunnett

I would give you my soul in a blackberry pie; and a knife to cut it with.

~Dorothy Dunnett

After I convinced them that I was a harmless novelist, I actually got them to give me a tour of the harem - which is usually off limits for tourists.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Look up . . . and see them. The teaching stars, beyond worship and commonplace tongues.

~Dorothy Dunnett

So she was on her own, Kate thought, and instilled all the friendly helpfulness she could into her next question. "Excuse me, but are you the bad company young Mr. Scott has got into?"

~Dorothy Dunnett

He regards boredom, I observe, as the One and Mighty Enemy of his soul. And will succeed in conquering it, I am sure "if he survives the experience.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Where are the links of the chain ... joining us to the past?

~Dorothy Dunnett

But it's also because of something personal. My mother and father met while playing chess, so I've always had a fondness for the game. If it weren't for chess, I might not be here.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Facts are the soil from which the story grows. Imagination is a last resort.

~Dorothy Dunnett

It seems to me,' said Philippa prosaically, 'that on the whole we run more risks with Mr Crawford's protection than without it.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Lack of genius never held anyone back. Only time wasted on resentment and daydreaming can do that.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Today,' said Lymond, 'if you must know, I don't like living at all. But that's just immaturity boggling at the sad face of failure. Tomorrow I'll be bright as a bedbug again.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Music, the knife without a hilt.

~Dorothy Dunnett

I wish to God,' said Gideon with mild exasperation, 'that you'd talk "just once" in prose like other people.

~Dorothy Dunnett

If I can't be personal, I don't want to argue,' said his hostess categorically. 'I may be missing your points, but you're much too

busy dodging mine.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Verily, God hath eighteen thousand worlds; and verily, your world is one of them, and this its bright axle-tree.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Repressively, Lymond himself answered. 'I dislike being discussed as if I were a disease. Nobody 'got' me,' he said.

~Dorothy Dunnett

And the English army, wheeling, started south at a gallop over the hill pass into Ettrick, followed by twenty men and eight hundred sheep in steel helmets.

~Dorothy Dunnett

Fools make news, and wise men carry it.

~Dorothy Dunnett

A man of over thirty might be held to be at the height of his powers, but not necessarily of his wisdom.

~Dorothy Dunnett

It was one of the occasions when Lymond asleep wrecked the peace of mind of more people than Lymond awake.

~Dorothy Dunnett

'Depose him,' said Will Scott, astonished. 'The Grand Master's holy office terminates with his life.' 'And can nobody think of an answer to that?' said Will Scott.

~Dorothy Dunnett

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