

# Douglas Kennedy Quotes

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The only time you truly become an adult is when you finally forgive your parents for being just as flawed as everyone else.

~Douglas Kennedy

Because there is no meaning to be found in the arbitrary nature of things., It's all random. Just as space is blue. And birds fly through it.

~Douglas Kennedy

There is much to be said for solitude.

~Douglas Kennedy

If there is an abiding theme in 'The Pursuit of Happiness,' it is the idea that you come into the world already shaped by other people's past histories.

~Douglas Kennedy

Tragedy is one of the larger prices we pay for being alive. No one ever sidesteps tragedy. It is always there, shadowing us.

~Douglas Kennedy

We all talk about how much we hate lies. Yet we prefer, so often, to be lied to....because it allows us to dodge all those painful truths we'd rather not hear.

~Douglas Kennedy

Success is a very fragile veneer. I get wary of people who embrace celebrity. It ruins people.

~Douglas Kennedy

I want to be a popular novelist who's also serious, or a serious novelist who's also very accessible.

~Douglas Kennedy

All our stories are simultaneously unique and desperately similar, aren't

they?

~Douglas Kennedy

I've been known to write on the Underground in London and on the subway in New York. I have two or three cafes in Paris that I go into. I find a corner with a little shade, and I can work.

~Douglas Kennedy

From Graham Greene, I learnt how to be an accessible writer who grapples with our doubts as sentient individuals.

~Douglas Kennedy

Words matter, words have import.

~Douglas Kennedy

We don't like admitting this, but it is a key component of human existence: the fact that life has the potential for things both wondrous and horrific.

~Douglas Kennedy

We all want to fix things. Just as we all believe that so much in life can be rectified. Mend fences, build bridges, reach out, engage in mutual healing.

~Douglas Kennedy

We can rarely tell others what we really think about them--not just because it would so wound them, but also because it would so wound ourselves.

~Douglas Kennedy

The decision to write full time was made when I was twenty-eight years old and had just had two small plays accepted for BBC Radio.

~Douglas Kennedy

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