

Gabrielle Zevin

Quotes

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You know everything you need to know about a person from the answer to the question, What is your favorite book?

~Gabrielle Zevin

I can promise you books and conversation and all my heart.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It was strange, really. A couple months ago, I had thought I couldn't live without him. Apparently I could.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Diving is a leap of faith plus gravity.

~Gabrielle Zevin

We are not quite novels. We are not quite short stories. In the end, we are collected works

~Gabrielle Zevin

Let's stay young forever. Young, stupid, and pretty. Sounds like a plan, don't you think?

~Gabrielle Zevin

We aren't the things we collect, acquire, read. We are, for as long as we are here, only love. The things we loved. The people we loved. And these, I think these really do live on.

~Gabrielle Zevin

They should tell you when you're born: have a suitcase heart, be ready to travel.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Death is a state of mind---many people on Earth spend their entire lives dead.

~Gabrielle Zevin

When I was in my twenties and broke, I'd buy books before food. A meal will sustain you for a few hours, a good book will sustain you for life.

~Gabrielle Zevin

In the end, the end of a life only matters to friends, family, and other folks you used to know. For everyone else, it's just another end.

~Gabrielle Zevin

But I believe good things happen everyday. I believe good things happen even when bad things happen. And I believe on a happy day like today, we can still feel a little sad. And that's life, isn't it?

~Gabrielle Zevin

A place isn't a place until it has a bookstore.

~Gabrielle Zevin

A life isn't measured in hours and minutes. It's the quality, not the length.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Wounds are like water set to boil - they heal best left unwatched.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Did you know that there are over three hundred words for love in canine?

~Gabrielle Zevin

I don't believe in writer's block.

~Gabrielle Zevin

The things we respond to at twenty are not necessarily the same things we will respond to at forty and vice versa. This is true in books and also in life

~Gabrielle Zevin

It was odd to have something so personal out there in that way, but the good thing about art is that no one necessarily knows what you mean by it anyway.

~Gabrielle Zevin

...lies can sound awfully pretty when a girl is in love with the person telling them.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I have so much paperwork. I'm afraid my paperwork has paperwork.

~Gabrielle Zevin

No one actually needs another person or another person's love to survive. Love is when we have irrationally convinced ourselves that we do.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Sorry but nothing of much importance ever happened to me...I'm just a girl who forgot to look both ways before crossing the street.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Why do two people fall in love? It's a mystery.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Daddy always said you only explained things to the people that actually mattered.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I did learn something about insanity while I was down there. People go crazy, not because they are crazy, but because it's the best available option at the time.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Intimacy doesn't have all that much to do with backseats of cars. Real intimacy is brushing your teeth together.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Love stories are written in millimeters and milliseconds with a fast, dull pencil whose marks you can barely see, they are written in miles and eons with a chisel on the side of a mountiantop

~Gabrielle Zevin

I wondered if the person who really loves you is the person who knows all your stories, the person who WANTS to know all your stories.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It's difficult to ever go back to the same places or people. You turn away, even for a moment, and when you turn back around, everything's changed.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It was such a sweet, sad song with such sweet, sad lyrics. Old-fashioned a little, but also timeless.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Eye contact made people think you were being truthful even if you weren't.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Should have. Would have. Could have. Didn't.

~Gabrielle Zevin

You can't avoid orphan stories, child. Every story is an orphan story. We are all orphaned sooner or later.

~Gabrielle Zevin

And when she dreams, she dreams of a girl who was lost at sea but

one day found the shore.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Sometimes things seem so unbearable in the middle of the night, don't they? In the middle of the night, we're all such children.

~Gabrielle Zevin

i've made room for you, she said. if you want it, there's room.

~Gabrielle Zevin

My heart was a little bit broken, but I still had to go to school. I buttoned my dress shirt over it and my winter coat, too. I hoped it didn't show too much.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Hi there," squeaked a precocious little voice, "you are speaking to Chloe Fusakawa, and I have just learned how to answer the phone.

~Gabrielle Zevin

And I was crying for gravity. It had sent me down the stairs, and I'd thought that meant something, but maybe it was just the direction that all things tend to flow.

~Gabrielle Zevin

You tell a kid he doesn't like to read, and he'll believe you

~Gabrielle Zevin

But then again maybe "I will" is nicer. It has a future in it.

~Gabrielle Zevin

That Woman is in love with her own grief.

~Gabrielle Zevin

A question I've thought about a great deal is why it is so much easier to

write about the things we dislike/hate/acknowledge to be flawed than the things we love.

~Gabrielle Zevin

The words you can't find, you borrow.

~Gabrielle Zevin

When I was around eight, I learned how to touch-type at school, and I received a computer as a present. I started writing plays, and for many years I thought I would be a playwright.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Before I liked to write, I liked to type. I remember visiting my grandmother Adele in Ponce Inlet, Florida, when I was three years old, and she had an IBM electric typewriter.

~Gabrielle Zevin

"I shouldn't have done that," I said. That was when I kissed him again. May God forgive me for this and all these things I've done.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Violence should not always beget more violence.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Sometimes books don't find us until the right time.

~Gabrielle Zevin

There is no difference in quality between a life lived forward and a life lived backwards, she thinks. She had come to love this backward life. It was, after all, the only life she had.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It's sad when you think about it, but also kind of beautiful.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Maybe if I'd been braver in that moment, I would have cried.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I know you did, lass. You're the toughest girl I know." "'Lass'? Where did that come from?" "I don't know. I just felt the urge to call you that.

~Gabrielle Zevin

My brain said no. But my heart!

~Gabrielle Zevin

Each period had required me to be a slightly different person, and that was exhausting. I wondered if school had always felt this way and whether it was like this for everyone.

~Gabrielle Zevin

"I accept your condemnation," I said.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I don't think I would have minded you being the keeper of my secrets.

~Gabrielle Zevin

The truth is, sometimes too much can happen in a relationship, and then there's nothing anyone can do or say. It's broken.

~Gabrielle Zevin

There's a strange sort of quiet when you're dying. It's as if you're in a glass room, and the walls keep getting thicker and thicker.

~Gabrielle Zevin

He kissed me, though not in a sexy way. Gentle. Tender.

~Gabrielle Zevin

He told me that love was the only thing that really mattered in the world.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Daddy once said, "If you don't know what you believe, Annie, you'll be a lost soul.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I was crying a little for the boy I had wanted him to be and the boy he hadn't turned out to be.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It was funny how dad was more honest in a book that anyone in the world could pick up and read than he could be talking to me. Or maybe it was sad. One or the other. Sometimes it's hard to tell.

~Gabrielle Zevin

In you, I found infinity. In you, I was reborn

~Gabrielle Zevin

The scent is sweet and meloncholy. A bit like dying, a bit like falling in love.

~Gabrielle Zevin

If you are going to forgive a person, Liz decides, it is best to do it sooner rather than later. Later, Liz knows from experience, could be sooner than you thought.

~Gabrielle Zevin

What were you like," I asked her. "we're you happy? Or were you smiling because they told you to?"

~Gabrielle Zevin

Well, for one, you have to remember not to scream. Once you have their attention, whispering is much more effective. Screaming ghosts scare people, you know

~Gabrielle Zevin

Chocolate doesn't solve everything, Nana." "It solves a whole heck of a lot, though.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I'm allergic to sad memories. It's the worst.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It's when you don't need something that you tend to lose it.

~Gabrielle Zevin

The casualties seemed to go on and on. Just when I thought I was done losing her, I would find yet another way to love her all over again.

~Gabrielle Zevin

There's a pleasure to loving someone even when you know there's no chance in them loving you back. The pain I felt let me know I was still alive.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Tragedy is when someone ends up dead. Everything else is just a bump in the road. For the record, that was something Daddy used to say.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Betty inhales sharply, 'It's just I thought I had lost you forever.' Oh, Betty, don't you know there's no such thing as forever?

~Gabrielle Zevin

It was a nice day, and I don't mean that it was sunny either. It was humid and not too cool, like winter was getting annoyed with itself and wanted it to be spring just as much as everyone else.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It wasn't even 8:00 yet. Pretty early for such deep thoughts.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It is a lie that people who love each other must know everything about each other. Love must occasionally allow for a gap.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Daddy always said that an option that you know to have a bad outcome is only a fool's option, i.e., not an option at all. And I liked to think that Daddy hadn't raised a fool.

~Gabrielle Zevin

It's a tragic fact to die in an accident

~Gabrielle Zevin

My beautiful Win. I wanted to kiss him on every last broken place, but his mother and my lawyer were there. So, instead I started to cry.

~Gabrielle Zevin

In life, Jane reflected, the most interesting things tend to happen when you're on your way to do something else.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I met a traveler from an ancient land.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Saying you're through with romance is like saying you're done with living, Betty. Life is better with a little romance, you know.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Life used to move much more quickly when I was a girl. We needed to abbreviate just to keep up.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Daddy always said the only thing worth begging for was your life, but maybe he was wrong. Maybe sometimes your love is a little bit worth begging for, too.

~Gabrielle Zevin

I let myself feel good and sorry for myself, but only for a second. Daddy always said that the most useless of all human emotions was self-pity.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Covers matter. In my experience, a different cover can make you think you're reading an entirely different book.

~Gabrielle Zevin

People are capable of great, great change during the span of one lifetime. And women even more than men.

~Gabrielle Zevin

Oh," says Owen, "but I would have, you know." "I know you would have," says Liz, "and knowing you would have is nearly as good.

~Gabrielle Zevin

In a way, whoever you know in a certain place defines that place for you.

~Gabrielle Zevin

But I wondered if all this kissing was a bad habit with him and me. The thing we did with our mouths instead of talking.

~Gabrielle Zevin

The only love she inspires is the canine kind.

~Gabrielle Zevin

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