

# Gary D. Schmidt

## Quotes

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The light made the snowballs look yellow. Or at least I hoped that was the cause.

~Gary D. Schmidt

If Romeo had never met Juliet, maybe they both would have still been alive, but what they would have been alive for is the question Shakespeare wants us to answer.

~Gary D. Schmidt

OKAY. So I was going to the library every Saturday. So what? So what? It's not like I was reading books or anything.

~Gary D. Schmidt

(The raindrops) played across the coast all through the night, until the soft new day shrugged itself awake, tried on amethyst and lavender for a while, and finally decided on pale yellow.

~Gary D. Schmidt

We were both chumps. But you know what? It's not so bad when you're chumps together.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Okay, so maybe sometimes the real world is smiles and miracles.

~Gary D. Schmidt

The world is Trouble...and Grace. That is all there is.

~Gary D. Schmidt

She came over and looked at the picture. Then she took my hand. You know what that feels like? Like what the astronauts will feel when they step onto the moon for the very first time.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Creativity is a god who comes around only when he pleases, and it isn't

very often. But when he does come around, he sits at my desk and folds his wings and I offer him whatever he wants.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Learn everything you can - everything. And then use all that you have learned to grow up to be a wise and good man.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Vengeance is sweet. Vengeance taken when the vengee isn't sure who the venger is, is sweeter still.

~Gary D. Schmidt

I know. That sounds like a lie. But Presbyterians know that every so often a lie isn't all that bad, and I figured that this was about the best place it could happen.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Why can't poets just say what they want to say and then shut up?

~Gary D. Schmidt

In English, we were still on the Introduction to Poetry Unit, and I'm not lying, if I ever meet Percy Bysshe Shelley walking down the streets of Marysville, I'm going to punch him right in the face.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Mr. Powell raised an eyebrow. 'I'm a librarian,' he said. 'I always know what I'm talking about.'

~Gary D. Schmidt

Maybe this happens to you every day, but I think it was the first time I could hardly wait to show something that I'd done to someone who would care besides my mother. You know how that feels?

~Gary D. Schmidt

You know, when someone has been crying, something gets left in the air. It's not something you can see or smell, or feel. Or draw. But it's there.

~Gary D. Schmidt

No matter what happens, there is always the business of the world to attend to.

~Gary D. Schmidt

You know how that feels?

~Gary D. Schmidt

Books can ignite fires in your mind, because they carry ideas for kindling, and art for matches.

~Gary D. Schmidt

There is no Art made without power, and there is no reason for Art to be made except for power.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Talk is only silence that ain't workin' well.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Mrs. Daugherty was keeping my bowl of cream of wheat hot, and she had a special treat with it, she said. It was bananas. In the whole story of the world, bananas have never once been a special treat.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Reader, I kissed her. A quiet walk we had, she and I.

~Gary D. Schmidt

It means, Doug Swieteck, that in this class, you are not your brother.

~Gary D. Schmidt

A comedy isn't about being funny...a comedy is about characters who dare to know that they may choose a happy ending after all.

~Gary D. Schmidt

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~Gary D. Schmidt

There's no pleasure in getting to be an old coot unless you have some fun along the way.

~Gary D. Schmidt

When a girl holds a rose up to you, you run better, let me tell you.

~Gary D. Schmidt

Whatever it means to be a friend, taking a black eye for someone has to be in it.

~Gary D. Schmidt

"Did you find yourself?" "What?" said my sister. "Did you find yourself?" "She found me," I said.

~Gary D. Schmidt

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