

George R. R. Martin

Quotes

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When the sun has set, no candle can replace it.

~George R. R. Martin

The brightest flame casts the darkest shadow.

~George R. R. Martin

When you tear out a man's tongue, you are not proving him a liar, you're only telling the world that you fear what he might say.

~George R. R. Martin

A Lannister always pays his debts.

~George R. R. Martin

There are no men like me. There's only me

~George R. R. Martin

For the night is dark and full of terrors.

~George R. R. Martin

A cold wind was blowing from the north, and it made the trees rustle like living things.

~George R. R. Martin

The true horrors of human history derive not from orcs and Dark Lords, but from ourselves.

~George R. R. Martin

The Lord of Winterfell would always be a Stark

~George R. R. Martin

The only time a man can be brave is when he is afraid.

~George R. R. Martin

People often claim to hunger for truth, but seldom like the taste when

it's served up.

~George R. R. Martin

The cable makers are the ones who are willing to take risks and do something original and push the envelope some.

~George R. R. Martin

In the songs all knights are gallant, all maids are beautiful, and the sun is always shining.

~George R. R. Martin

The more people you love, the weaker you are.

~George R. R. Martin

A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one.

~George R. R. Martin

Woman? Is that meant to insult me? I would return the slap, if I took you for a man. - Daenerys Targaryen

~George R. R. Martin

A mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge.

~George R. R. Martin

If there are gods, why is the world so full of pain and injustice?'
'Because of men like you.

~George R. R. Martin

Remember, whatever the price...I'll beat it! I like living! Tyrion Lannister

~George R. R. Martin

I crossed a thousand leagues to come to you, and lost the best part of

me along the way. Don't tell me to leave.

~George R. R. Martin

The gods are blind. And men see only what they wish" - Tyrion Lannister

~George R. R. Martin

It was that white cloak that soiled me, not the other way around.

~George R. R. Martin

Anyone can be killed.

~George R. R. Martin

My brother has his sword, King Robert has his warhammer and I have my mind...and a mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone if it is to keep its edge. That's why I read so much Jon Snow.

~George R. R. Martin

Different roads sometimes lead to the same castle.

~George R. R. Martin

A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies.

~George R. R. Martin

The man who passes the sentence should swing the sword.

~George R. R. Martin

O medo corta mais profundamente do que as espadas.

~George R. R. Martin

Swift as a deer. Quiet as a shadow. Fear cuts deeper than swords. Quick as a snake. Calm as still water.

~George R. R. Martin

Writing is like sausage making in my view; you'll all be happier in the end if you just eat the final product without knowing what's gone into it.

~George R. R. Martin

Once you've accepted your flaws, no one can use them against you.

~George R. R. Martin

Ideas are cheap. I have more ideas now than I could ever write up. To my mind, it's the execution that is all-important.

~George R. R. Martin

Every man should lose a battle in his youth, so he does not lose a war when he is old.

~George R. R. Martin

Never forget what you are, for surely the world will not. Make it your strength. Then it can never be your weakness. Armour yourself in it, and it will never be used to hurt you.

~George R. R. Martin

We all need to be mocked from time to time, lest we take ourselves too seriously.

~George R. R. Martin

My old grandmother always used to say, Summer friends will melt away like summer snows, but winter friends are friends forever.

~George R. R. Martin

In real life, the hardest aspect of the battle between good and evil is determining which is which.

~George R. R. Martin

And I have a tender spot in my heart for cripples and bastards and broken things.

~George R. R. Martin

Nobody is a villain in their own story. We're all the heroes of our own stories.

~George R. R. Martin

When the snows fall and the white winds blow, the lone wolf dies but the pack survives.

~George R. R. Martin

You know nothing, Jon Snow

~George R. R. Martin

The best fantasy is written in the language of dreams. It is alive as dreams are alive, more real than real, for a moment at least, that long magic moment before we wake.

~George R. R. Martin

A hound will die for you, but never lie to you. And he'll look you straight in the face.

~George R. R. Martin

A lion doesn't concern itself with the opinion of sheep.

~George R. R. Martin

Fear cuts deeper than swords.

~George R. R. Martin

There are no happy endings.

~George R. R. Martin

Some old wounds never truly heal, and bleed again at the slightest word.

~George R. R. Martin

The unseen enemy is always the most fearsome.

~George R. R. Martin

Madness and greatness are two sides of the same coin. Every time a new Targaryen is born, the gods toss the coin in the air and the world holds its breath to see how it will land.

~George R. R. Martin

The storms come and go, the waves crash overhead, the big fish eat the little fish, and I keep on paddling. (Varys)

~George R. R. Martin

Summer is the time for squabbles. In winter, we must protect one another, keep each other warm, share our strengths.

~George R. R. Martin

We look up at the same stars and see such different things." - Jon Snow

~George R. R. Martin

I don't want to be a queen. I want to be the queen.

~George R. R. Martin

The man who fears losing has already lost.

~George R. R. Martin

I swear to you, sitting a throne is a thousand times harder than winning one.

~George R. R. Martin

What's dead may never die.

~George R. R. Martin

Generally speaking, I'm much more in favour of penises entering

vaginas than axes entering skulls. But the world seems to accept the violence a lot easier than the sex.

~George R. R. Martin

His cloak was his crowning glory; sable, thick and black and soft as sin.

~George R. R. Martin

You were made to be kissed, often and well.

~George R. R. Martin

For herself, she wanted sleet and ice, howling winds, thunder to shake the very stones of the Red Keep. She wanted a storm to match her rage.

~George R. R. Martin

My skin has turned to porcelain, to ivory, to steel.

~George R. R. Martin

She was Daenerys Stormborn, the Unburnt, Khaleesi and queen, Mother of Dragons, slayer of warlocks, breaker of chains, and there was no one in the world that she could trust.

~George R. R. Martin

My biggest dream was to ruin the lives of my readers and crush their souls... And I really think that worked out pretty well for me.

~George R. R. Martin

Of all the bright cruel lies they tell you, the cruelest is the one called love.

~George R. R. Martin

Love is madness, and lust is poison.

~George R. R. Martin

The greatest fools are oftentimes more clever than the men who laugh at them.

~George R. R. Martin

Fantasy is silver and scarlet, indigo and azure, obsidian veined with gold and lapis lazuli.

~George R. R. Martin

Sooner would be better than later, and now would be better than sooner." - Tyrion

~George R. R. Martin

There is only one god and his name is Death. And there is only one thing we say to Death: "Not today."

~George R. R. Martin

When you play a game of thrones you win or you die.

~George R. R. Martin

If half an onion is black with rot, it is a rotten onion. A man is good or he is evil. (Melisandre of Asshai)

~George R. R. Martin

That was the way of this cold world, where men fished the sea and dug in the ground and died, whilst women brought forth short-lived children from beds of blood and pain.

~George R. R. Martin

There's no shame in fear, my father told me, what matters is how we face it.

~George R. R. Martin

Jay wondered how they'd feel the morning they all woke up and realized that somehow Camelot had turned into Mordor.

~George R. R. Martin

I will take what is mine with fire and blood.

~George R. R. Martin

It's different for every writer. It's not a career for anyone who needs security. It's a career for gamblers. It's a career of ups and downs.

~George R. R. Martin

The strongest trees are rooted in the dark places of the earth. Darkness will be your cloak, your shield, your mother's milk. Darkness will make you strong.

~George R. R. Martin

Men live their lives trapped in an eternal present, between the mists of memory and the sea of shadow that is all we know of the days to come.

~George R. R. Martin

Faith is like porridge. Better with milk and honey.

~George R. R. Martin

Has my tale turned you speechless? Come, curse me or kiss me or call me a liar. Something.

~George R. R. Martin

Most have been forgotten. Most deserve to be forgotten. The heroes will always be remembered. The best. The best and the worst. And a few who were a bit of both.

~George R. R. Martin

A bruise is a lesson... and each lesson makes us better.

~George R. R. Martin

Why is it that when one man builds a wall, the next man immediately needs to know what's on the other side?

~George R. R. Martin

You should grieve if a fictional character is killed. You should care.

~George R. R. Martin

Power resides only where men believe it resides. [...] A shadow on the wall, yet shadows can kill. And oftentimes a very small man can cast a very large shadow.

~George R. R. Martin

Bran thought about it. 'Can a man still be brave if he's afraid?' 'That is the only time a man can be brave,' his father told him.

~George R. R. Martin

Laughter is poison to fear.

~George R. R. Martin

The years leech at a man's memories, even those he has vowed never to forget.

~George R. R. Martin

And for the first time in hundreds of years, the night came alive with the music of dragons.

~George R. R. Martin

The wildlings seemed to think Ygritte a great beauty because of her hair; red hair was rare among the free folk, and those who had it were said to be kissed by fire, which was supposed to be lucky.

~George R. R. Martin

Sorcery is the sauce fools spoon over failure to hide the flavor of their own incompetence.

~George R. R. Martin

They can keep their heaven. When I die, I'd sooner go to Middle Earth.

~George R. R. Martin

They'll kill for that knighthood, but don't ever think they'll die for it.

~George R. R. Martin

Even in dreams, you could not fall forever.

~George R. R. Martin

Armor yourself in it, and it will never be used against you

~George R. R. Martin

When the red star bleeds and the darkness gathers, Azor Ahai shall be born again amidst smoke and salt to wake dragons out of stone.

~George R. R. Martin

The things we love destroy us every time, lad. Remember that.

~George R. R. Martin

We read fantasy to find the colors again, I think. To taste strong spices and hear the songs the sirens sang.

~George R. R. Martin

The real issue lies in the North beyond the Wall. Stannis becomes one of the few characters fully to understand that, which is why in spite of everything he is a righteous man.

~George R. R. Martin

Some men want whores on the eve of battle, and some want gods. Jon wondered who felt better afterward.

~George R. R. Martin

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