

Glen Duncan Quotes

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Literature is humanity's broad-minded alter-ego, with room in its heart for monsters, even for you. It's humanity without the judgement.

~Glen Duncan

Snow makes cities innocent again, reveals the frailty of the human gesture against the void.

~Glen Duncan

Life's generally artless ... but it does get these occasional hard-ons for plot. It connects things, nefariously, behind your back, and before you know it you're in the final act of a lousy movie.

~Glen Duncan

Words betrayed her: beautiful butterflies in her mind; dead moths when she opened her mouth for their release into the world.

~Glen Duncan

That's what happens when you keep a secret from someone you love: you start to hate them for allowing you to prove your own willingness to deceive them.

~Glen Duncan

When you're a kid it's people's cruelty that makes you cry, then when you're an adult it's their kindness.

~Glen Duncan

You think God will never forgive you, but the only God is beauty and beauty always forgives. It forgives with its infinite indifference.

~Glen Duncan

Coffee justifies the existence of the word 'aroma'.

~Glen Duncan

There is no God and that's His only commandment.

~Glen Duncan

With adolescent egotism and a lot of money one can pretty much rule the world.

~Glen Duncan

The message is clear: By all means become an abomination -- but only while unhinged by grief or wrath.

~Glen Duncan

Poets suffer occasional delusions of angelhood and find themselves condemned to express it in the bric-a-brac tongues of the human world. Lots of them go mad.

~Glen Duncan

Nicotine and alcohol embraced in my system like long-parted siblings, grateful to me for reuniting them.

~Glen Duncan

Life, like the boring drunk at the office party, keeps seeking you out, leaning on you, killing you with pointless yarns and laughing bad-breathed in your face at its own unfunny jokes.

~Glen Duncan

Every present anger derives from past weakness.

~Glen Duncan

What interests me is love, sex, death, cruelty, compassion and the desire for meaning in an apparently godless universe. In other words the human condition.

~Glen Duncan

Bliss defies description, obviously, since it annihilates you, since you're not there to experience it. You get the lead-up and the come-down,

never the zenith.

~Glen Duncan

My mother once told me she thought hell would be nothing more than being given a glimpse of God--then having it taken away, forever.

~Glen Duncan

Your ideal possession candidate's a thirteen-year-old recently orphaned schizophrenic girl three days away from her period on her way to see the shrink with whom she's romantically besotted.

~Glen Duncan

The flesh had infinity in it. I must know every inch by touch yet every inch renewed its mystery the instant my hand moved on. Delightful endless futility.

~Glen Duncan

I hated the words. Each one was like a big live insect in my mouth.

~Glen Duncan

No amount of violence you've done to others prepares you for violence done to yourself.

~Glen Duncan

Only meaning can make a difference and we all know there's no meaning. All stories express a desire for meaning, not meaning itself. Therefore any difference knowing the story makes is a delusion.

~Glen Duncan

One knows one's madnesses, by and large. By and large the knowledge is vacuous. The notion of naming the beast to conquer it is the idiot optimism of psychotherapy.

~Glen Duncan

Peace is purchased in the currency of loss.

~Glen Duncan

One day the ordinariness will be terminally punctuated by the extraordinary full stop of death.

~Glen Duncan

Kneecaps only exist to get hit with claw-hammers; grace only exists to be fallen from.

~Glen Duncan

Nothing holds love together like shared vice or collusive perversion.

~Glen Duncan

Grace only exists to be fallen from.

~Glen Duncan

No artist knows everything... but since every artist knows more than he can tell, all art is lying by omission.

~Glen Duncan

I'm too conceited for therapy.

~Glen Duncan

Life is nothing but a statement of what happens to be.

~Glen Duncan

My parents believe in the happy endings to the stories of their children.

~Glen Duncan

If I'm going to invest the time in a novel, I want something more than the entertainment you get out of most genre fiction.

~Glen Duncan

I'm an American. We're a people diseased with progress.

~Glen Duncan

We're the worst thing because for us the worst thing is the best thing.
And it's only the best thing for us if it's the worst thing for someone else.

~Glen Duncan

We go to the past to lay the blame - since the past can't argue. We go to our past selves to account for our present miseries.

~Glen Duncan

Renounce love and you can achieve demonic focus.

~Glen Duncan

I'm in love, truly, madly, deeply in love with perception.

~Glen Duncan

The first horror is there's horror. The second is you accommodate it.

~Glen Duncan

I don't know how one should live - but I know that one should live.

~Glen Duncan

Telling the truth is a beautiful act even if the truth itself is ugly.

~Glen Duncan

You love life because life's all there is.

~Glen Duncan

Pain is beyond reason, an obliterating giant stupidity to which all your history of jokes and nuance and ideas and caresses is nothing, simply nothing.

~Glen Duncan

Falling in love makes the unknown known. Falling out of love reverses the process.

~Glen Duncan

The only animal from which humans have nothing to learn, in fact, is the sheep. Humans have already learned everything the sheep's got to teach.

~Glen Duncan

Home pulls. It draws you back to tell you you don't belong.

~Glen Duncan

Pain revealed the paltry dimensions of love. The paltry dimensions of everything, in fact, except pain.

~Glen Duncan

'I'll tell you something,' she said. 'I'm not sure I ever really liked him.' 'Adam?' I said. 'I don't blame you.' 'Not Adam,' she said, struggling to swallow a greedily chomped chunk. 'God.'

~Glen Duncan

That's the problem with being alive ... You've got to keep thinking of what to do.

~Glen Duncan

Just because life's meaningless doesn't mean we can't experience it meaningfully.

~Glen Duncan

I suppose the word "unbearable" is a lie by definition. Unless you kill yourself immediately after using it.

~Glen Duncan

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