

Gregory David Roberts Quotes

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World, Dream, Hands, Giving, Way, Pride, Winning, Past, Tests, Half*

Sometimes we love with nothing more than hope. Sometimes we cry with everything except tears.

~Gregory David Roberts

Luck is what happens to you when fate gets tired of waiting

~Gregory David Roberts

Love is the passionate search for a truth other than your own; and once you feel it, honestly and completely, love is forever.

~Gregory David Roberts

The truth is that, no matter what kind of game you find yourself in, no matter how good or bad the luck, you can change your life completely with a single thought or a single act of love

~Gregory David Roberts

There are no mistakes. Only new paths to explore.

~Gregory David Roberts

We have a saying in Marseilles: a man in no hurry gets nowhere fast. I have been in no hurry for eight years.

~Gregory David Roberts

If fate doesn't make you laugh, you just don't get the joke.

~Gregory David Roberts

The real trick in life is to want nothing, and to succeed in getting it. -
Karla

~Gregory David Roberts

The choice you make, between hating and forgiving, can become the story of your life.

~Gregory David Roberts

Love is the opposite of power. That's why we fear it so much.

~Gregory David Roberts

The past reflects eternally between two mirrors - the bright mirror of words and deeds, and the dark one, full of things we didn't do or say.

~Gregory David Roberts

Sometimes you break your heart in the right way, if you know what I mean.

~Gregory David Roberts

One of the ironies of courage, and the reason why we prize it so highly, is that we find it easier to be brave for someone else than we do for ourselves alone.

~Gregory David Roberts

The choking humidity makes amphibians of us all, in Bombay, breathing water in air; you learn to live with it, and you learn to like it, or you leave.

~Gregory David Roberts

when you judge the power that is in a person, you must judge their capacities as both friend and as enemy.

~Gregory David Roberts

I don't know what frightens me more, the power that crushes us, or our endless ability to endure it.

~Gregory David Roberts

Every life, every love, every action and feeling and thought has its reason and significance: its beginning, and the part it plays in the end. Sometimes, we do see.

~Gregory David Roberts

I sometimes think that the size of our happiness is inversely proportional to the size of our house.

~Gregory David Roberts

Good soldiers are defined by what they can endure, not by what they can inflict.

~Gregory David Roberts

Love is a one-way street. Love, like respect isn't something you get; it's something you give

~Gregory David Roberts

Sometimes, you have to surrender before you win.

~Gregory David Roberts

Fate always gives you two choices, the one you should take, and the one you do.

~Gregory David Roberts

Cowardice is often just another name for being taken by surprise.

~Gregory David Roberts

The world is run by one million evil men, ten million stupid men, and a hundred million cowards.

~Gregory David Roberts

The best revenge, like the best sex, is performed slowly, and with the eyes open.

~Gregory David Roberts

We live on because we can love, and we love because we can forgive.

~Gregory David Roberts

hate has no literature: real fear and real hate have no words

~Gregory David Roberts

There's too much love in the world. Sometimes I think that's what heaven is---- a place where everybody's happy because nobody loves anybody else, ever.

~Gregory David Roberts

When the wish and the fear are exactly the same, we call the dream a nightmare.

~Gregory David Roberts

The burden of happiness can only be relieved by the balm of suffering.

~Gregory David Roberts

You know the difference between news and gossip, don't you? News tells you what people did. Gossip tells you how much they enjoyed it.

~Gregory David Roberts

There's no heart like the Indian heart.

~Gregory David Roberts

A man trusts another man when he sees enough of himself in him.

~Gregory David Roberts

Happiness is a myth. It was invented to make us buy new things.

~Gregory David Roberts

Food is music to the body, music is food to the heart.

~Gregory David Roberts

A good man is as strong as the right woman needs him to be.

~Gregory David Roberts

More dreams are realised and extinguished in Bombay than any other

place in India.

~Gregory David Roberts

We carry oceans inside of us, in our blood and our sweat. And we are crying the oceans, in our tears.

~Gregory David Roberts

Praising people behind their back is monstrously unfair, because the one thing you can't defend yourself against is the good that people say about you.

~Gregory David Roberts

every human heart beat is a universe of possibilities.

~Gregory David Roberts

Every virtuous act is inspired by a dark secret.

~Gregory David Roberts

Be true to love where ever you find it, and be true to yourself and everything that you really are.

~Gregory David Roberts

A lot of bad stuff in the world wasn't really that bad until someone tried to change it.

~Gregory David Roberts

Some things are just so sad that only your soul can do the crying for you.

~Gregory David Roberts

Suffering is how we test our love especially our love for God.

~Gregory David Roberts

I think that we all, each one of us, we all have to earn our future.

~Gregory David Roberts

It isn't a secret, unless keeping it hurts.

~Gregory David Roberts

Friendship is also a kind of medicine, and the markets for it, too, are sometimes black.

~Gregory David Roberts

Silence is the tortured man's revenge.

~Gregory David Roberts

I don't know what frightens me more

~Gregory David Roberts

The more you try to be like someone else, the more you find yourself standing in the way.

~Gregory David Roberts

Men reveal what they think when they look away, and what they feel when they hesitate. With women, it's the other way around

~Gregory David Roberts

Heroes only come in three kinds: dead, damaged or dubious.

~Gregory David Roberts

If you make your heart into a weapon, you end up using it on yourself.

~Gregory David Roberts

There is no man, and no place, without war. The only thing we can do is choose a side, and fight. That is the only choice we get - who we fight for, who we fight against. That is life.

~Gregory David Roberts

The only power that has any real meaning is the power to better the world.

~Gregory David Roberts

The voice, Afghan matchmakers say, is more than half of love.

~Gregory David Roberts

I take everything personally- that's what being a person is all about.

~Gregory David Roberts

Shantaram is the second in the series of a quartet of novels that I have planned about my life but is the first to be written. The third book is a sequel to Shantaram, the first a prequel.

~Gregory David Roberts

Some of the worst wrongs, were caused by people who tried to change things.

~Gregory David Roberts

The most precious gift you can bring to your lover is your suffering.

~Gregory David Roberts

The truth is a bully we all pretend to like

~Gregory David Roberts

A politician is someone who promises a bridge even when there's no water

~Gregory David Roberts

Friendship is an Algebra test that nobody passes.

~Gregory David Roberts

Indian actors know how to shout with the eyes.

~Gregory David Roberts

Every virtuous act has some Dark secret in its heart; every risk we take contains a mystery that can't be solved.

~Gregory David Roberts

Poverty and pride are devoted blood brothers until one, always and inevitably, kills the other.

~Gregory David Roberts

I think the novel form chose me. I was a writer before I became a criminal... my first instinct was to write.

~Gregory David Roberts

Whatever you do, in the privacy of your own rain shower, is your own business

~Gregory David Roberts

Optimism is the first cousin of love, and it's exactly like love in three ways: it's pushy, it has no real sense of humour, and it turns up where you least expect it.

~Gregory David Roberts

A man is truly a man when he wins the love of a good woman, earns her respect, and keeps her trust. Until you can do that, you're not a man.

~Gregory David Roberts

Slowly, desolately, the fist of what we'd done unclenched the clawed palm of what we'd become.

~Gregory David Roberts

justice is not only the way we punish those who do wrong. It is also the way we try to save them.

~Gregory David Roberts

There's no believing in God...We either know God, or we don't.

~Gregory David Roberts

nothing grieves more deeply or pathetically than one half of a great love that isn't meant to be.

~Gregory David Roberts

You can never tell what people have inside them until you start taking it away, one hope at a time

~Gregory David Roberts

Anything that can be put in a nut shell should remain there.

~Gregory David Roberts

Civilization, after all, is defined by what we forbid, more than what we permit.

~Gregory David Roberts

Ask people for help. You'll be all right. Don't worry. It's a great adventure, your life, and it has only just begun.

~Gregory David Roberts

Fanatics have the look of people who do not masturbate but who think about it almost all time.

~Gregory David Roberts

If we can't respect the way we earn it, money has no value. If we can't use it to make life better for our families and loved ones, money has no purpose.

~Gregory David Roberts

People say that love is the best thing in the world not power. But they are wrong. Love is the opposite of power and that's why we fear it so much.

~Gregory David Roberts

None of us lie or guard our secrets when we sing, and India is a nation of singers whose first love is the kind of song we turn to when crying just isn't enough.

~Gregory David Roberts

One, what would happen if everyone did this thing? Two, would this help or hinder the movement toward universal ultimate complexity?

~Gregory David Roberts

It doesn't always help us to love the world, but it does prevent us from hating the world.

~Gregory David Roberts

Crime is stupid, lazy and weak. You can only exploit it and make money out of it.

~Gregory David Roberts

So when will be the time to get on the train? I think.....a little bit almost quite very soon and not long.

~Gregory David Roberts

I went to war. I survived, while other men around me died. ... men whose lives were crunched up in mistakes, and thrown away by the wrong second of someone else's hate, or love, or indifference.

~Gregory David Roberts

Glory belongs to God, of course; that's what the word really means. And you can't serve God with a gun.

~Gregory David Roberts

The man grinned back at me with that perfect sincerity we fear and call simple-minded.

~Gregory David Roberts

There's no such thing as forever.

~Gregory David Roberts

I was free. Every day, when you're on the run, is the whole of your life. Every free minute is a short story with a happy ending.

~Gregory David Roberts

Of course I wanted to know. I was a writer. I wanted to know everything.

~Gregory David Roberts

Powerful people have no regrets.

~Gregory David Roberts

Prisons are the temples where devils learn to prey. Every time we turn the key we twist the knife of fate, because every time we cage a man we close him in with hate.

~Gregory David Roberts

Never let anyone know what you're thinking - always know what the other thinks of you.

~Gregory David Roberts

Because my life has been so notorious and so bad, it can overshadow my work.

~Gregory David Roberts

Once you love something, you can never stop loving it. Even after a divorce, the heart will not stop loving.

~Gregory David Roberts

but there's no nation uncorrupted. there's no system that's immune to

the misuse of money.

~Gregory David Roberts

They claim a hidden corner of our hearts, all those moments that stay with us unscreamed. That's where loves, like elephants, drag themselves to die. It's the place where pride allows itself to cry.

~Gregory David Roberts

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