

# Holly Black Quotes

*Thinking, People, Girl, Lying, Eye, Hurt, Cat, Looks, Heart, Kissing, Want, Real,  
Fall, Cutting, Book, Night, Boys, Hate, Trying, Voice*

Mutually assured destruction.

~Holly Black

Clever as the Devil and twice as pretty.

~Holly Black

Every hero is the villain of his own story.

~Holly Black

Ah coffee. The sweet balm by which we shall accomplish today's tasks.

~Holly Black

You're like this leopard who's pretending to be a house cat.

~Holly Black

Those who really love you don't mean to hurt you and if they do, you can't see it in their eyes but it hurts them too.

~Holly Black

Jewels, lies, slips of paper, dried flowers, memories of thing long past, useless quotations, idle hands, beads, buttons, and mischief.

~Holly Black

Put your puppet on the throne." said Talathain. "You may make her Queen but she won't be Queen for long.

~Holly Black

There's nothing like a gunshot to make you the life of the party.

~Holly Black

If curiosity killed the cat, it was satisfaction that brought it back.

~Holly Black

The easiest lies to tell are the ones you want to be true.

~Holly Black

She loves the serene brutality of the ocean, loves the electric power she felt with each breath of wet, briny air.

~Holly Black

I survive at the edge of friends circles.

~Holly Black

Changing is what people do when they have no options left.

~Holly Black

She sat in the dew-damp grass and ripped up clumps of it, tossing them in the air and feeling vaguely guilty about it. Some gnome ought to pop out of the tree and scold her for torturing the lawn.

~Holly Black

They say that nameless things change constantlyâ€”that names fix them in place like pins.

~Holly Black

I can learn to live with guilt. I don't care about being good.

~Holly Black

Because I am about to be devoured by poodles," I quip. "Remember me always, my love.

~Holly Black

Love changes us, but we change how we love too.

~Holly Black

Some promises aren't worth keeping.

~Holly Black

Clever girl. You play with fire because you want to be burnt.

~Holly Black

This, the language of deception, we both understand. We were born to it, along with the curses.

~Holly Black

She looks honestly upset, but then, I've learned that I can't read her. The problem with a really excellent liar is that you have to just assume they're always lying.

~Holly Black

Can't get away from your own self.

~Holly Black

Sam: You know what I wish? Cassel: What? Sam: That someone would covert my bed into a robot that would fight other bed robots to the death for me.

~Holly Black

It's the flaw that brings out the beauty.

~Holly Black

You are the only thing I have that is neither duty nor obligation, the only thing I chose for myself. The only thing I want.

~Holly Black

Poisonous jealousy thrummed through my veins.

~Holly Black

You can break a thing, but you cannot always guide it afterward into the shape you want.

~Holly Black

To remind me, pain is the best teacher

~Holly Black

I did it to get what I want. Maybe I should regret that, but I can't. Sometimes you do the bad thing and hope for the good result.

~Holly Black

Yeah, the whole family knows. It's no big deal. One night at dinner I said, 'Mom, you know the forbidden love that Spock has for Kirk? Well, me too.' It was easier for her to understand that way.

~Holly Black

I hate that everyone calls it growing up, but it seems like DYING.

~Holly Black

Telling Sam and Daneca feels like peeling off my own skin to expose everything underneath. It hurts.

~Holly Black

You can always count on your family to love you. And to betray you. And then to feel guilty about it.

~Holly Black

I love you, you see...and I fear I have no way to say or show it that isn't terrible, except coming here. I would kill everyone in the world for you, if you wanted.....Or not obviously

~Holly Black

My head is pounding. I wish the mints were aspirin.

~Holly Black

The truth is messy. It's raw and uncomfortable. You can't blame people for preferring lies.

~Holly Black

One night you will ask me for something I cannot give.

~Holly Black

I envy what I fear and hate what I envy.

~Holly Black

I got bored," he says. "Besides, you know what's creepier than walking around your dead brothers' apartment? Sitting alone in a hearse in front of his apartment.

~Holly Black

We're all dying, Cassel. It's just that some of us are dying faster than others.

~Holly Black

He looks like the good boy he's never been.

~Holly Black

whatever you love, that is your weakness

~Holly Black

Life is like licking Honey from a Thorn

~Holly Black

Nevermore," Lolli said. "That's what Luis calls it, because there are three rules: Never more than once a day, never more than a pinch at a time, and never more than two days in a row.

~Holly Black

Mirroring behavior. When a mark takes a drink from his water glass, so should you. When he smiles, so should you. Keep it subtle, rather than creepy, and it's a good technique.

~Holly Black

I haven't had a very good day. I think I might still be hung over and everyone's dead and my root beer's gone.

~Holly Black

He was as honest as any criminal can hope to be.

~Holly Black

He was saying that the end of the world wasn't an accident; it was a joke.

~Holly Black

But if you didn't believe in monsters, then how were you going to be able to keep safe from them?

~Holly Black

She took a deep breath, "Last chance. Are you in need of rescuing?" His expression turned very strange, almost as if she'd struck him, "yes," he said finally. -Tana and Gavriel-page 33- chapter 5

~Holly Black

Jones looks like he wants to slug me, which is only subtly different from his usual way of looking at me like I'm a slug.

~Holly Black

Crippled things are always more beautiful. It's the flaw that brings out beauty.

~Holly Black

She'd always been a little contemptuous of beauty, as though it was something you had to trade away some other vital thing for.

~Holly Black

Keep going' she told herself, 'Don't look back.' But she looked anyways.

~Holly Black

I thought you were her knight, but you have become only her woodsman--taking little girls into the forest to cut out their hearts.

~Holly Black

She didn't know how much she'd been hoping that he still loved her, until she felt how much it hurt to realize he didn't.

~Holly Black

You set me up," I say. "One big con. You can't blame me because I turned out not to be gullible enough. You can't blame the mark. That's not how it works. Have some respect for the nature of the game.

~Holly Black

Death has his favorites, like anyone. Those who are beloved of Death will not die.

~Holly Black

Even from the beginning, that was the problem. People liked pretty things. People even liked pretty things that wanted to kill and eat them.

~Holly Black

It is my belief that books are living things.

~Holly Black

I want you and I hate wanting things and I especially hate admitting I want them.

~Holly Black

You really dug your own grave," he mutters. "And I'm going to bury you in it." "Say that louder," I tell him, under my breath. "I dare you."

~Holly Black

You have to write a lot. And you have to rewrite what you wrote a lot more.

~Holly Black

A second book that makes you rethink the first book is the Holy Grail of a series.

~Holly Black

This is never going to be over,â€• I shout. â€œSomeone will always be after me. There's always consequences. Well, BRING IT. I am done with being afraid, and I am done with you.

~Holly Black

When you don't know what you're searching for, you have to look absolutely everywhere.

~Holly Black

A girl like that, Grandad said, perfumes herself with ozone and metal filings.

~Holly Black

Once, there was a girl who vowed she would save everyone in the world, but forgot herself.

~Holly Black

All friendships are negotiations of power.

~Holly Black

It's sweet. All this trouble for a kitty.

~Holly Black

You in trouble?â€• Sam asks. The way he says it, I wonder if he's thinking about how to get out of here if I am.

~Holly Black

I'm Lila, and yes, he's crazy. But you must have noticed that before now. He was crazy back when I knew him, and he's obviously gotten crazier over time.

~Holly Black

I need you to be happy. I need one of us to be happy.

~Holly Black

That's family for you. Can't live with them, can't murder them.

~Holly Black

She knew she shouldn't feel that way about a monster, but right then, she wanted nothing more than a monster of her very own.

~Holly Black

Farewell, Father," she said. He fell back upon his chair, choking. She laughed, not with mirth or even mockery, but something that was closer to a sob. "You crafted me so sharp, I cut even myself.

~Holly Black

We are, largely, who we remember ourselves to be

~Holly Black

Downstairs, Grandad's warning Barron about something. His voice swells, and I catch the words, "In my day we were feared. Now we're just afraid.

~Holly Black

I know how to be the witness to her grief. I don't know how to be this kind of villain.

~Holly Black

Marks forget that whenever something's too good to be true, that's because it's a con.

~Holly Black

Don't be drinking the Haterade.

~Holly Black

I thought of how proud he was when he took the marks- cutting the skin of his throat in a long slash and then packing it with ashes until keloid scars rose up. He called it his second smile.

~Holly Black

Lie until even you believe it - that's the real secret of lying

~Holly Black

The row of dolls watched her impassively from the bookshelf, their tea party propriety almost certainly offended.

~Holly Black

She wants me to take out Patton.â€• Barron's brows draw together. â€œTake out? As in transform him?â€• â€œNo,â€• I say. â€œAs in take out to dinner. She thinks we'd make a good couple.

~Holly Black

I thought you needed to be tougher. But I've been thinking that protecting somebody by hurting them before someone else gets the chance isn't the kind of protecting that anybody wants.

~Holly Black

If she was going to die, she might as well die sarcastic.

~Holly Black

I'm the best kind of thief, the kind that leaves behind items equal in value to those he's stolen.

~Holly Black

She wears trouble like a crown. If she ever falls in love, she'll fall like a comet, burning the sky as she goes.

~Holly Black

If you keep it," Daneca says, "he'll have his claws in you." Everyone has their claws in me. Everyone.

~Holly Black

You don't have to protect these people, Cassel." I am these people.

~Holly Black

No trouble ever got fixed late at night," he said. "Midnight is for regrets.

~Holly Black

Philip Sharpe was a soldier in God's army," says the minister. "Now he marches with the angels.

~Holly Black

Everyone danced -- sweaty bodies packed tight, drunk with sound.

~Holly Black

It's not that I don't know that it's a bad idea. It's that, lately, bad ideas have a particular hold over me.

~Holly Black

The first boy I fell in love with didn't know I loved him, but he managed to break my heart anyway.

~Holly Black

What an author doesn't know could fill a book.

~Holly Black

I'm afraid my voice is going to break. I am afraid she is going to hear how much this hurts.

~Holly Black

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