

Isabel Allende Quotes

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There is no light without shadow, just as there is no happiness without pain.

~Isabel Allende

Aphrodite is about lust and gluttony - the only two sins worth committing, in my opinion.

~Isabel Allende

You are the storyteller of your own life, and you can create your own legend, or not.

~Isabel Allende

It is a wonderful truth that things we want most in life—a sense of purpose, happiness and hope—are most easily attained by giving them to others.

~Isabel Allende

For women, the best aphrodisiacs are words. The G-spot is in the ears. He who looks for it below there is wasting his time.

~Isabel Allende

I can promise you that women working together - linked, informed and educated - can bring peace and prosperity to this forsaken planet.

~Isabel Allende

Fear is inevitable, I have to accept that, but I cannot allow it to paralyze me.

~Isabel Allende

There is no death, daughter. People die only when we forget them,' my mother explained shortly before she left me. 'If you can remember me, I will be with you always.

~Isabel Allende

Heart is what drives us and determines our fate.

~Isabel Allende

We all have an unsuspected reserve of strength inside that emerges when life puts us to the test.

~Isabel Allende

You only have what you give. It's by spending yourself that you become rich.

~Isabel Allende

For real change, we need feminine energy in the management of the world. We need a critical number of women in positions of power, and we need to nurture the feminine energy in men.

~Isabel Allende

Silence before being born, silence after death: life is nothing but noise between two unfathomable silences.

~Isabel Allende

Show up, show up, show up, and after a while the muse shows up, too. If she doesn't show up invited, eventually she just shows up

~Isabel Allende

You are my angel and my damnation; in your presence I reach divine ecstasy and in your absence I descent to hell.

~Isabel Allende

All stories interest me, and some haunt me until I end up writing them. Certain themes keep coming up: justice, loyalty, violence, death, political and social issues, freedom.

~Isabel Allende

Accept the children the way we accept treesâ€”with gratitude, because

they are a blessingâ€”but do not have expectations or desires. You don't expect trees to change, you love them as they are.

~Isabel Allende

Write what should not be forgotten.

~Isabel Allende

You spend the first part of your life collecting things ... and the second half getting rid of them.

~Isabel Allende

We only have what we give.

~Isabel Allende

...when everything else fails, we communicate in the language of the stars

~Isabel Allende

I love fiction because in fiction you go into the thoughts of people, the little people, the people who were defeated, the poor, the women, the children that are never in history books.

~Isabel Allende

Sisters: talk to each other, be connected and informed, form women's circles, share your stories, work together, and take risks. Together we are invincible.

~Isabel Allende

Roots are not in landscape or a country, or a people, they are inside you.

~Isabel Allende

The longer I live, the more uninformed I feel. Only the young have an explanation for everything.

~Isabel Allende

And I am not one of those women who trips twice over the same stone.

~Isabel Allende

The two moments are much alike: birth and death are made of the same fabric.

~Isabel Allende

When you make an omelet, as when you make love, affection counts for more than technique.

~Isabel Allende

I'm aware of the mystery around us, so I write about coincidences, premonitions, emotions, dreams, the power of nature, magic.

~Isabel Allende

Writing is like making love. Don't worry about the orgasm, just concentrate on the process.

~Isabel Allende

if we don't begin by imagining the perfect society, how shall we create one?

~Isabel Allende

In my lifetime, the world has become better, not worse. And the world is moving, very slowly but surely with more democracy and more liberal way of thinking, more inclusion and more diversity.

~Isabel Allende

Peace requires everyone to be in the circle - wholeness, inclusion.

~Isabel Allende

Nothing's as dangerous as power with impunity.

~Isabel Allende

We don't have an explanation for everything that happens. We don't control almost anything. And if we are not open to that mystery, life becomes so small.

~Isabel Allende

I don't think I would be a writer if I had stayed in Chile. I would be trapped in the chores, in the family, in the person that people expected me to be.

~Isabel Allende

What I fear most is power with impunity. I fear abuse of power, and the power to abuse.

~Isabel Allende

Many children fly like birds, guess other people's dreams, and speak with ghosts, but ... they all outgrow it when they lose their innocence.

~Isabel Allende

What is truer than truth? Answer: the story.

~Isabel Allende

Women have always been courageous... They are always fearless when protecting their children and in the last century they have been fearless in the fight for their rights.

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How can one not speak about war, poverty, and inequality when people who suffer from these afflictions don't have a voice to speak?

~Isabel Allende

The fear is not real, Dil Bahadur; it is only in your mind, like all other things. Our thoughts form what we believe to be reality.

~Isabel Allende

A man does what he can; a woman does what a man cannot.

~Isabel Allende

Those who seek the truth run the risk of finding it.

~Isabel Allende

I'm interested in people who have to overcome obstacles, people who are not sheltered by the umbrella of the establishment, marginals.

~Isabel Allende

If I write something, I fear it will happen, and if I love too much, I fear I will lose that person; nevertheless, I cannot stop writing or loving.

~Isabel Allende

The source of my difficulties has always been the same: an inability to accept what to others seems natural, and an irresistible tendency to voice opinions no one wants to hear . . .

~Isabel Allende

True friendship resists time, distance and silence.

~Isabel Allende

Erotica is using a feather; pornography is using the whole chicken.

~Isabel Allende

Having a point to start is important. You know that when you decide to write something it's like a commitment. It's like falling in love.

~Isabel Allende

In terrible moments, in moments of revolution, of war or repression, of

illness or death, people react with incredible strength.

~Isabel Allende

Do you truly believe that life is fair, Senor de la Vega? -No, maestro, but I plan to do everything in my power to make it so.

~Isabel Allende

Boredom, Timothy Duane assured me, is nothing more than anger without passion.

~Isabel Allende

When I write fiction, I never try to deliver a message; I just want to tell a story. But I admit that I want the story to be memorable and the characters to touch the reader's heart.

~Isabel Allende

We live in an era where masses of people come and go across a hostile planet, desolate and violent. Refugees, emigrants, exiles, deportees. We are a tragic contingent.

~Isabel Allende

The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night.

~Isabel Allende

I had a very rough childhood and not a happy one and by age 15 I was an old person in many ways. I knew that I had to take care of myself, I um and I always did.

~Isabel Allende

Memory is fiction. We select the brightest and the darkest, ignoring what we are ashamed of, and so embroider the broad tapestry of our lives.

~Isabel Allende

My female protagonist will not be this promiscuous, beautiful, dark-haired, thin lady. It will be a plump, blond, healer and so forth.

~Isabel Allende

Conceit is a privilege of the ignorant; the wise man is humble because he knows how little he knows.

~Isabel Allende

Every person is born with a talent, and happiness depends on discovering that talent in time.

~Isabel Allende

Words are not that important when you recognize intentions.

~Isabel Allende

I need to tell a story. It's an obsession. Each story is a seed inside of me that starts to grow and grow, like a tumor, and I have to deal with it sooner or later.

~Isabel Allende

The first few months of my life of every year are in total retreat. I don't see anybody except my husband and my dog, I don't talk to anybody, and I just write.

~Isabel Allende

They could not understand the advantage of living contrary to their inclinations in this world in order to enjoy a hypothetical well-being in another.

~Isabel Allende

Happiness is pure kitch; we come into the world to suffer and learn.

~Isabel Allende

I write to understand my circumstances, to sort out the confusion of

reality, to exorcise my demons. But most of all, I write because I love it!

~Isabel Allende

Writing is a process, a journey into memory and the soul.

~Isabel Allende

My life is about ups and downs, great joys and great losses.

~Isabel Allende

Love is a free contract that begins with a spark and can end the same way.

~Isabel Allende

There is no death, daughter. People die only when we forget them.

~Isabel Allende

I don't want posterity, I don't want anybody to remember me in any way. I don't care about that because I'll be dead. I think the spirit will move to some other state.

~Isabel Allende

I'm living in California but I have a place that is mine in Chile and I belong there. I am no longer an exile.

~Isabel Allende

If I didn't write my soul would dry up and die.

~Isabel Allende

Give, give, give-what is the point of having experience, knowledge or talent if I don't give it away?

~Isabel Allende

If this world is going to be a better place for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren, it will be women who make it so.

~Isabel Allende

Nice people with common sense do not make interesting characters. They only make good former spouses.

~Isabel Allende

Writing is a constant exercise in longing.

~Isabel Allende

How accommodating love is; it forgives everything.

~Isabel Allende

you can tell the deepest truths with the lies of fiction

~Isabel Allende

Affection is like the noonday sun; it does not need the presence of another to be manifest.

~Isabel Allende

I need to remember to overcome.

~Isabel Allende

I don't want an uneventful and safe life, I prefer an adventurous one.

~Isabel Allende

You can't find someone who doesn't want to be found.

~Isabel Allende

With women the best aphrodisiac is words.

~Isabel Allende

Most people feel younger than their age, but the culture values youth, success, beauty, productivity. There is no space in this culture for older people.

~Isabel Allende

How many times have I told you not to believe everything you hear?
Seek truth for yourself.

~Isabel Allende

Society decides when we get old. But the spirit never ages.

~Isabel Allende

The writer of good will carries a lamp to illuminate the dark corners.

~Isabel Allende

Love is music, and sex is only the instrument.

~Isabel Allende

He realized...that the loudest are the least sincere, that arrogance is a quality of the ignorant, and that flatterers tend to be vicious.

~Isabel Allende

Empowering women means trusting them.

~Isabel Allende

Although women do two-thirds of the world's labor, they own less than one percent of the world's assets.

~Isabel Allende

My worst flaw is that I tell secrets, my own and everybody else's.

~Isabel Allende

Women are the only ones who will be able to eliminate the patriarchy, and when that happens all of us will win, men as much as women.

~Isabel Allende

I'm not above anybody. I'm, I'm not better than anybody. I am made of

the same material that everybody else is and if somebody can be a saint, so can I and if somebody can be a torturer, so can I.

~Isabel Allende

Photographs deceive time, freezing it on a piece of cardboard where the soul is silent.

~Isabel Allende

Nothing changes; we humans repeat the same sins over and over, eternally.

~Isabel Allende

The pain of losing my child was a cleansing experience. I had to throw overboard all excess baggage and keep only what is essential.

~Isabel Allende

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