

Jack Kerouac

Quotes

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Because in the end, you won't remember the time you spent working in the office or mowing your lawn. Climb that goddamn mountain

~Jack Kerouac

Maybe that's what life is... a wink of the eye and winking stars.

~Jack Kerouac

Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you're already in heaven now.

~Jack Kerouac

Great things are not accomplished by those who yield to trends and fads and popular opinion.

~Jack Kerouac

Put down the pen someone else gave you. No one ever drafted a life worth living on borrowed ink.

~Jack Kerouac

I saw that my life was a vast glowing empty page and I could do anything I wanted.

~Jack Kerouac

He had no place he could stay in without getting tired of it and because there was nowhere to go but everywhere, keep rolling under the stars.

~Jack Kerouac

It is not my fault that certain so-called bohemian elements have found in my writings something to hang their peculiar beatnik theories on.

~Jack Kerouac

Everything is ecstasy inside. We just don't know it because of our thinking-minds. But in our true blissful essence of mind [it] is known that everything is alright forever and forever and forever.

~Jack Kerouac

You can't teach the old maestro a new tune.

~Jack Kerouac

Live, travel, adventure, bless, and don't be sorry.

~Jack Kerouac

No man should go through life without once experiencing healthy, even bored solitude in the wilderness, finding himself depending solely on himself and thereby learning his true and hidden strength

~Jack Kerouac

And when the fog's over and the stars and the moon come out at night it'll be a beautiful sight.

~Jack Kerouac

One day I will find the right words, and they will be simple.

~Jack Kerouac

Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road.

~Jack Kerouac

It's all too much and not enough at the same time.

~Jack Kerouac

The closer you get to real matter, rock air fire and wood, boy, the more spiritual the world is.

~Jack Kerouac

The happiness consists in realizing that it is all a great strange dream.

~Jack Kerouac

Our battered suitcases were piled on the sidewalk again; we had longer

ways to go. But no matter, the road is life.

~Jack Kerouac

It made me think that everything was about to arrive - the moment when you know all and everything is decided forever.

~Jack Kerouac

Night is longer than day for those who dream & day is longer than night for those who make their dreams comes true.

~Jack Kerouac

But why think about that when all the golden lands ahead of you and all kinds of unforeseen events wait lurking to surprise you and make you glad you're alive to see?

~Jack Kerouac

I hope it is true that a man can die and yet not only live in others but give them life, and not only life, but that great consciousness of life.

~Jack Kerouac

Contrary to the general belief about photography, you don't need bright sunlight: the best moodiest pictures are taken in the dim light of almost dusk, or of rainy days.

~Jack Kerouac

Believe that the world is an ethereal flower, and ye live.

~Jack Kerouac

The empty blue sky of space says 'All this comes back to me, then goes again, and comes back again, then goes again, and I don't care, it still belongs to me

~Jack Kerouac

The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to

live, mad to talk, mad to be saved.

~Jack Kerouac

Be in love with your life, every detail of it.

~Jack Kerouac

Something great is about to happen to me: I'm about to love somebody very much.

~Jack Kerouac

No fear or shame in the dignity of your experience, language, and knowledge.

~Jack Kerouac

I came to a point where I needed solitude and just stop the machine of 'thinking' and 'enjoying' what they call 'living', I just wanted to lie in the grass and look at the clouds.

~Jack Kerouac

Finding Nirvana is like locating silence.

~Jack Kerouac

all I wanted to do was sneak out into the night and disappear somewhere, and go and find out what everybody was doing all over the country.

~Jack Kerouac

listen to the silence inside the illusion of the world, and you will remember the lesson you forgot

~Jack Kerouac

Rest and be kind, you don't have to prove anything

~Jack Kerouac

What's in store for me in the direction I don't take?

~Jack Kerouac

I was surprised, as always, by how easy the act of leaving was, and how good it felt. The world was suddenly rich with possibility.

~Jack Kerouac

I had nothing to offer anybody except my own confusion.

~Jack Kerouac

Genius gives birth, talent delivers.

~Jack Kerouac

If you tell a true story, you can't be wrong.

~Jack Kerouac

It's okay, girl, we'll make it till the sun goes down forever. And until then what you got to lose but the losing? We're fallen angels who didn't believe that nothing means nothing.

~Jack Kerouac

I was halfway across America, at the dividing line between the East of my youth and the West of my future.

~Jack Kerouac

Sure baby, mañāna. It was always mañāna. For the next few weeks that was all I heard--mañāna a lovely word and one that probably means heaven.

~Jack Kerouac

Pain or love or danger makes you real again.

~Jack Kerouac

You can't live in this world but there's nowhere else to go.

~Jack Kerouac

It's good-bye. But we lean forward to the next crazy venture beneath the skies

~Jack Kerouac

No fear or shame in the dignity of yr experience, language & knowledge

~Jack Kerouac

While looking for the light, you may suddenly be devoured by the darkness and find the true light

~Jack Kerouac

Don't use the phone. People are never ready to answer it. Use poetry.

~Jack Kerouac

My eyes were glued on life and they were full of tears.

~Jack Kerouac

It was a rainy night. It was the myth of the rainy night.

~Jack Kerouac

and the stars were icicles of mockery

~Jack Kerouac

Because the only people for me are the mad ones.

~Jack Kerouac

Some's bastards, some's ain't. That's the score.

~Jack Kerouac

Don't tell them too much about your soul. They're waiting for just that.

~Jack Kerouac

A pain stabbed my heart as it did every time I saw a girl I loved who was going the opposite direction in this too-big world.

~Jack Kerouac

The fact that everybody in the world dreams every night ties all mankind together.

~Jack Kerouac

My life is a vast inconsequential epic.

~Jack Kerouac

The only truth is music.

~Jack Kerouac

I took a straight picture that made me look like a thirty-year-old Italian who'd kill anybody who said something against his mother.

~Jack Kerouac

After all, a homeless man has reason to cry, everything in the world is pointed against him.

~Jack Kerouac

I'd rather hop freights around the country and cook my food out of tin cans over wood fires, than be rich and have a home or work.

~Jack Kerouac

I feel guilty for being a member of the human race.

~Jack Kerouac

Paris is a woman but London is an independent man puffing his pipe in a pub.

~Jack Kerouac

Roaring dreams take place in a perfectly silent mind. Now that we know

this, throw the raft away.

~Jack Kerouac

But, outside of being a sweet little girl, she was awfully dumb and capable of doing horrible things.

~Jack Kerouac

I didn't know what to say. I felt like crying, Goddammit everybody in the world wants an explanation for your acts and for your very being.

~Jack Kerouac

My fault, my failure, is not in the passions I have, but in my lack of control of them.

~Jack Kerouac

On soft Spring nights I'll stand in the yard under the stars - Something good will come out of all things yet - And it will be golden and eternal just like that - There's no need to say another word.

~Jack Kerouac

All he needed was a wheel in his hand and four on the road.

~Jack Kerouac

All of life is a foreign country.

~Jack Kerouac

Are we fallen angels who didn't want to believe that nothing is nothing and so were born to lose our loved ones and dear friends one by one and finally our own life, to see it proved?

~Jack Kerouac

Offer them what they secretly want and they of course immediately become panic-stricken.

~Jack Kerouac

When you start separating people from their rivers, what have you got?
Bureaucracy!

~Jack Kerouac

The smog was heavy, my eyes were weeping from it, the sun was hot,
the air stank, a regular hell is L.A.

~Jack Kerouac

Life must be rich and full of loving--it's no good otherwise, no good at
all, for anyone.

~Jack Kerouac

You aren't ever going to be anything in this world unless you do what
you want to do, when you want to do it--don't plan anything, just go out
and do it.

~Jack Kerouac

And the Hippos were boiled in their tanks!

~Jack Kerouac

You'd be surprised how little I knew even up to yesterday

~Jack Kerouac

Some of my most neurotically fierce bitterness is the result of realizing
how untrue people have become.

~Jack Kerouac

Don't drink to get drunk. Drink to enjoy life.

~Jack Kerouac

Avoid the world, it's just a lot of dust and drag and means nothing in the
end.

~Jack Kerouac

LA is the loneliest and most brutal of American cities; NY gets god-awful cold in the winter but there's a feeling of wacky comradeship somewhere in some streets. LA is a jungle.

~Jack Kerouac

And as far as I can see the world is too old for us to talk about it with our new words.

~Jack Kerouac

I'm not a beatnik. I'm a Catholic.

~Jack Kerouac

You are the equal of the idol who has given you your inspiration

~Jack Kerouac

I promise I shall never give up, and that I'll die yelling & laughing.

~Jack Kerouac

I looked up at the dark sky and prayed to God for a better break in life and a better chance to do something for the little people I loved.

~Jack Kerouac

It all ends in tears anyway.

~Jack Kerouac

Believe in the holy contour of life.

~Jack Kerouac

The first sip [of tea] is joy, the second is gladness, the third is serenity, the fourth is madness, the fifth is ecstasy.

~Jack Kerouac

The best teacher is experience and not through someone's distorted point of view

~Jack Kerouac

The whole mad swirl of everything that was to come began then.

~Jack Kerouac

Let the mind beware, that though the flesh be bugged, the circumstances of existence are pretty glorious.

~Jack Kerouac

Because he had no place he could stay in without getting tired of it and because there was nowhere to go but everywhere, keep rolling under the stars.

~Jack Kerouac

Desolation, desolation, I owe so much to desolation.

~Jack Kerouac

Better to sleep in an uncomfortable bed free, than sleep in a comfortable bed unfree.

~Jack Kerouac

Suppose we suddenly wake up and see that what we thought to be this and that, ain't this and that at all?

~Jack Kerouac

Holding up my purring cat to the moon. I sighed.

~Jack Kerouac

I don't know, I don't care, and it doesn't make any difference.

~Jack Kerouac

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