

# Jacqueline Carey

## Quotes

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When Love cast me out, it was Cruelty who took pity upon me

~Jacqueline Carey

There is no fulfillment that is not made sweeter for the prolonging of desire

~Jacqueline Carey

To have a traitor for an ally is to have an enemy in waiting

~Jacqueline Carey

Beauty is at its most poignant when the cold hand of Death holds poised to wither it imminently.

~Jacqueline Carey

That which yields is not always weak.

~Jacqueline Carey

Why is there ever this perverse cruelty in humankind, that makes us hurt most those we love best?

~Jacqueline Carey

It's funny, how one can look back on a sorrow one thought one might well die of at the time, and know that one had not yet reckoned the tenth part of true grief.

~Jacqueline Carey

All knowledge is worth having

~Jacqueline Carey

The pain of the flesh is naught to that of the heart

~Jacqueline Carey

And having once chosen, never to seek to return to the crossroads of that decision-for even if one chooses wrongly, the choice cannot be

unmade.

~Jacqueline Carey

After you, it's all cheap tequila.

~Jacqueline Carey

It is my observations, though, that happiness limits the amount of suffering one is willing to inflict upon others

~Jacqueline Carey

If you will not die for us, you cannot ask us to die for you.

~Jacqueline Carey

Love child!" What else? You will find it and lose it, again and again. And with each finding and each loss, you will become more than before. What you make of it is yours to choose.

~Jacqueline Carey

Your dreaming self seeks to tell you something your waking ears will not hear

~Jacqueline Carey

There are patterns which emerge in one's life, circling and returning anew, an endless variation of a theme

~Jacqueline Carey

Oh love and hate are two sides of the same blade

~Jacqueline Carey

There's more to clothing than just adornment. It does more than merely change how the world perceives us. It changes how we perceive ourselves.

~Jacqueline Carey

To recongnize that the treachery of one member of a house does not taint all born within it

~Jacqueline Carey

If you thought better of me, you would not be so surprised

~Jacqueline Carey

I had begun to think my ripening body would wither untasted on the vine.

~Jacqueline Carey

I can see patterns in events, and behaviors; in mathematics, I follow slower

~Jacqueline Carey

Grief heals ... unshed tears fester like a canker in the soul.

~Jacqueline Carey

And for a price, I will pretend absolutely nothing.

~Jacqueline Carey

Nothing spoils idle pleasure like too much awareness

~Jacqueline Carey

A little truth seasons a lie like salt.

~Jacqueline Carey

All exiles carry a map within them that points the way homeward.

~Jacqueline Carey

Well, I was living it, but a shared dream half-lived is a hollow thing

~Jacqueline Carey

Surely if we knew what bitterness fate held in store, we would shrink

back in fear and let the cup of life pass us by untasted.

~Jacqueline Carey

Soon never comes soon enough to a young child.

~Jacqueline Carey

Let the warriors clamor after gods of blood and thunder; love is hard, harder than steel and thrice as cruel.

~Jacqueline Carey

Clearly, I'm drawn to characters with inner conflicts.

~Jacqueline Carey

Those that yield are not always weak

~Jacqueline Carey

Pain obliterates everything else. In pain, there is only the eternal present.

~Jacqueline Carey

And Kushiel sends no punishment that we are not fit to bear.

~Jacqueline Carey

Battle for the sake of honor may be a fine thing for bards to sing of, but it is no way to preserve one's homeland

~Jacqueline Carey

A nervous silence loosens tongues

~Jacqueline Carey

Some chains are forged for us - those are the hardest to bear.

~Jacqueline Carey

Stupid to speak of blame when the wills of the immortals are involved.

~Jacqueline Carey

What is fear but courage's shadow?

~Jacqueline Carey

Truly, it is in loss that we learn a thing's true value.

~Jacqueline Carey

One must gauge one's trust carefully.

~Jacqueline Carey

Wars come and go; politics endure.

~Jacqueline Carey

Are you a minor character in my tale, or am I a lesser figure in yours?

~Jacqueline Carey

Spontaneity is the province of youth

~Jacqueline Carey

This is the secret that none dares tell who fights for a cause. Dying, we are all alike.

~Jacqueline Carey

Stand at the crossroads if you will, but if you'll not choose, I'll move on without you

~Jacqueline Carey

We may not have demon fathers dangling offers of infernal power before us, but everyone understands what it means to struggle with temptation or resist the urge to give in to our baser natures.

~Jacqueline Carey

Fear and lies fester in darkness. The truth may wound, but it cuts clean.

~Jacqueline Carey

Like a falling star, he descended on the Tarbh CrÃ³, a Cassiline berserker, his sword biting and slashing like a silver snake.

~Jacqueline Carey

We speak of stories ending, when in truth it is we who end. The stories go on and on.

~Jacqueline Carey

What's the point of being a grown-up if you can't indulge the kid inside you every now and then?

~Jacqueline Carey

Happiness is the highest form of wisdom.

~Jacqueline Carey

Garner knowledge, by any means possible

~Jacqueline Carey

Yes my lord, but questions are dangerous, for they have answers

~Jacqueline Carey

It is not everyday that one learns an entire militia has sworn unbeknownst to obey you

~Jacqueline Carey

I wish sometimes that the gods would either choose better, or make their wishes clearer

~Jacqueline Carey

It's funny how despair can soon become an old companion

~Jacqueline Carey

If I had to fall from Cassiel's grace, at least I know it took a courtesan worthy of Kings to do it.

~Jacqueline Carey

It is not wise to meddle with D'Angelines in matters of love.

~Jacqueline Carey

Even a stunted tree reaches for sunlight.

~Jacqueline Carey

But slight mistakes accumulate, and grow to gross errors if unchecked.

~Jacqueline Carey

Only insofar as you enjoy being sorry, my dear, which, while it is a considerable amount, occurs only after the fact, thus making it a singularly ineffective deterrent, yes?

~Jacqueline Carey

We pay for sins we do not remember, and seek to do a will we can scarce fathom. That is what it is, to be a god's chosen.

~Jacqueline Carey

Pain redeems all. It is the awareness of life, a reminder of death.

~Jacqueline Carey

Night breeds its own sort of anticipation.

~Jacqueline Carey

Genius requires an audience.

~Jacqueline Carey

It is a comfort, in anguish, to be reminded of the scale of one's own troubles against the mighty breadth of the world.

~Jacqueline Carey



There is no folly like the folly of the wise.

~Jacqueline Carey

My lord. It is too much, and not enough

~Jacqueline Carey

True friendship must be akin to romance, I think. only without all the anguish and anxiety.

~Jacqueline Carey

We are meant to taste of life ... and drink the cup of it to the dregs, bitter and sweet alike.

~Jacqueline Carey

The tapestry of history is woven of many threads.

~Jacqueline Carey

For every victory there is a price.

~Jacqueline Carey

I preferred a hard truth to a well-meant lie.

~Jacqueline Carey

There is as much deception in noise as there is in silence

~Jacqueline Carey

The harp sounds at each passing breeze, but that does not mean the tune is masterfully played.

~Jacqueline Carey

Love is hard, harder than steel and thrice as cruel. It is inexorable as the tides, and life and death alike follow in its wake.

~Jacqueline Carey

All paths are present, always... and we can but choose among them.

~Jacqueline Carey

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