

# Janusz Korczak

## Quotes

*Children, Doe, Men, People, Giving, Order, World, Pain, Beautiful, Way,  
Teacher, Butterfly, Mean, Errors, Wings, Goes On, Abuse, Eye, Moments, Soul*

I exist not to be loved and admired, but to love and act. It is not the duty of those around me to love me. Rather, it is my duty to be concerned about the world, about man.

~Janusz Korczak

Each person carries an entire world within himself, and everything exists twice: once the way it is, the other the way he perceives it with his own eyes and feelings.

~Janusz Korczak

I am a butterfly drunk with life. I don't know where to soar, but I won't allow life to clip my beautiful wings.

~Janusz Korczak

A hundred children, a hundred individuals who are people--not people-to-be, not people of tomorrow, but people now, right now--today.

~Janusz Korczak

Dare to dream... something will always come of it

~Janusz Korczak

Whatever has been achieved through pressure and violence is unstable, unreliable and incorrect.

~Janusz Korczak

My greatest fault is that I am no longer a child

~Janusz Korczak

The soul of a child is as complicated and full of contradictions as our soul is.

~Janusz Korczak

There are insights that can be born only of your own pain, and they are

the most precious. Seek [within] the undiscovered part of yourself.  
(emphasis added)

~Janusz Korczak

Don't try to become a teacher overnight with psychological bookkeeping in your heart and educational theory in your head.

~Janusz Korczak

Take a look at the world and laugh

~Janusz Korczak

If you are watching fanatically over the morality of your children you may yourself be not completely in order.

~Janusz Korczak

I have signed a pact with life: we will not get in each other's way

~Janusz Korczak

Children, being small and weak, have little market value.

~Janusz Korczak

You will go on blundering, for only he who does nothing avoids errors.

~Janusz Korczak

Life never gives more than partial liberation. Achievement can never be more than fragmentary.

~Janusz Korczak

The lives of great men are like legends-difficult but beautiful.

~Janusz Korczak

If I had means, I would like to spend half a year in Palestine in order to contemplate what has been, and half a year in Poland in order to preserve what remains.

~Janusz Korczak

I am well versed in reading the pages of war.

~Janusz Korczak

When does the loneliness of old age begin?

~Janusz Korczak

The court does not fly off the handle. It does not shout abuse. It speaks calmly.

~Janusz Korczak

Are decent people in positions of leadership eternally condemned to Calvary?

~Janusz Korczak

Life is a circus ring, with some moments more spectacular than others.

~Janusz Korczak

Life bites like a dog.

~Janusz Korczak

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