

Jeff Cooper Quotes

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Citizens*

An unarmed man can only flee from evil, and evil is not overcome by fleeing from it.

~Jeff Cooper

Owning a handgun doesn't make you armed any more than owning a guitar makes you a musician.

~Jeff Cooper

Fight back! Whenever you are offered violence, fight back! The aggressor does not fear the law, so he must be taught to fear you. Whatever the risk, and at whatever the cost, fight back!

~Jeff Cooper

Political correctness is neither political nor is it correct. It amounts to social censorship, and the sooner we spit it out, the better.

~Jeff Cooper

It appears that the murder rate inside prisons is ten times higher than that outside prisons. It must be due to all those Kalashnikov rifles that are issued to prisoners upon their incarceration.

~Jeff Cooper

Blessed are those who, in the face of death, think only about the front sight.

~Jeff Cooper

If you find yourself under lethal attack don't be kind. Be harsh. Be tough. Be ruthless.

~Jeff Cooper

That is why our masters in Washington are so anxious to disarm us. They are not afraid of criminals. They are afraid of a populace which cannot be subdued by tyrants.

~Jeff Cooper

A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half.

~Jeff Cooper

The will to survive is not as important as the will to prevail... the answer to criminal aggression is retaliation.

~Jeff Cooper

What are we going to do if citizens are disarmed, and the government doesn't obey its own laws?

~Jeff Cooper

Your mind-set is your primary weapon

~Jeff Cooper

Offering democracy to an Arab is like bringing a horse to a steakhouse.

~Jeff Cooper

Pick up a rifle and you change instantly from a subject to a citizen.

~Jeff Cooper

The trouble with democracy is that 50 percent of the voters are below average.

~Jeff Cooper

Remember the first rule of gunfighting ... have a gun.

~Jeff Cooper

It is true that a victim who fights back may suffer for it, but one who does not almost certainly will suffer for it.

~Jeff Cooper

Never assume that simply having a gun makes you a marksman. You are no more armed because you are wearing a pistol than you are a

musician because you own a guitar.

~Jeff Cooper

We are fully justified in valuing the life and person of an intended victim more highly than the life of a pernicious assailant. The attacker must be stopped. At once and completely.

~Jeff Cooper

Anyone who willfully and maliciously attacks another without sufficient cause jeopardize the lives of others.

~Jeff Cooper

The best personal defense is an explosive counterattack.

~Jeff Cooper

It is high time for society to stop worrying about the criminal, and to let the criminal start worrying about society. And by "society" I mean you.

~Jeff Cooper

Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands.

~Jeff Cooper

The one who fights back retains his dignity and his self-respect.

~Jeff Cooper

Under any sort of attack, keep cool. And if you must shoot, shoot with precision.

~Jeff Cooper

Now how do we cultivate an aggressive response? I think the answer is indignation... Your response, if attacked, must not be fear, it must be anger.

~Jeff Cooper

The specific course you decide upon is, within certain parameters, less important than the vigor with which you execute it.

~Jeff Cooper

The criminal does not expect his prey to fight back. May he never choose you, but, if he does, surprise him.

~Jeff Cooper

One of the notable aspects of the democratic process is that one need not know anything about a subject in order to pass laws about it.

~Jeff Cooper

On the very instant that we know that our assailant intends us serious physical harm, we must work just as fast as we can.

~Jeff Cooper

A free man must not be told how to think, either by the government or by social activists. He may certainly be shown the right way, but he must not accept being forced into it.

~Jeff Cooper

Any man who is a man may not, in honor, submit to threats or violence. But many men who are not cowards are simply unprepared for the fact of human savagery.

~Jeff Cooper

A fine marksman with a second rate rifle is far more effective than the reverse.

~Jeff Cooper

No sensible person ever opens the door of his house without knowing who is knocking.

~Jeff Cooper

The proper course of action, when under attack, is usually to counterattack.

~Jeff Cooper

Let us remind ourselves again that the Second Amendment of the US Constitution should be referred to as the Statute of Liberty.

~Jeff Cooper

Democracy has many definitions, but what's in it for me is not an element of any of them.

~Jeff Cooper

Your physical safety is up to you, as it really always has been.

~Jeff Cooper

Anger, as long as it is controlled anger, is no obstacle to efficiency. Self-control is one thing the sociopath does not usually possess. Use yours to his undoing.

~Jeff Cooper

The purpose of the pistol is to stop a fight that somebody else has started, almost always at very short range.

~Jeff Cooper

If a felon attacks you and lives, he will reasonably conclude that he can do it again. By submitting to him, you not only imperil your own life, but you jeopardize the lives of others.

~Jeff Cooper

There ain't many troubles that a man caint fix With seven hundred dollars and a thirty ought six.

~Jeff Cooper

What you do to prevent further felonious assault, as long as the felon is

still capable of action, is justified.

~Jeff Cooper

The essential thing is to bear always in mind that trouble can appear at any time. Be aware. Be ready. Be alert.

~Jeff Cooper

Don't try to be fancy. Shoot for the center of mass. The world is full of decent people. Criminals we can do without.

~Jeff Cooper

Anyone who is aware of his environment knows that the peril of physical assault does exist, and that it exists everywhere and at all times.

~Jeff Cooper

An armed man, especially if he is armed with a firearm, is dangerous as long as he is conscious. Take no chances. Put him out.

~Jeff Cooper

Most governments are designed to protect the government from the people, whereas the United States government was organized to protect the people from the government.

~Jeff Cooper

The one who anticipates the action wins. The one who does not, loses.

~Jeff Cooper

[T]he only thing the United States government ever did about slavery was to abolish it. Perhaps that was a mistake, but I do not feel inclined to apologize for it.

~Jeff Cooper

Aggressiveness carries with it an incalculable moral edge in any combat, offensive or defensive.

~Jeff Cooper

Personal weapons are what raised mankind out of the mud, and the rifle is the queen of personal weapons.

~Jeff Cooper

Bushido is all very well in its way, but it is no match for a 30-06.

~Jeff Cooper

It has long been my conviction that a masked man with a gun is a target. I see no reason to change that view.

~Jeff Cooper

It may be that there is such a thing as racial memory, and it is supported by the undeniable observation that the goblins will get you if you don't watch out.

~Jeff Cooper

In all history the only bright rays cutting the gloom of oppression have come from men who would rather get hurt than give in.

~Jeff Cooper

If I wasn't a trader, I would probably be in the film business in some capacity and writing in some other form. I went to NYU Film School and London Film School.

~Jeff Cooper

It seems evident that the basis for civil safety is homogeneity. A culture which is socially uniform is pretty well devoid of informal violence.

~Jeff Cooper

It's a matter of will. If you know that you can keep your head, and that

you must keep your head, you probably will keep your head.

~Jeff Cooper

Speed is the absolute essence of any form of combat

~Jeff Cooper

The rifle is the queen of weapons and its effective use is one of the greatest satisfactions available to man.

~Jeff Cooper

If you must use your hands, use them with all the strength you possess... If you choose to strike, by all means strike hard.

~Jeff Cooper

Therefore, if you are attacked, retaliate instantly. Be sudden. Be quick. Speed is your salvation.

~Jeff Cooper

Let your attacker worry about his life. Don't hold back. Strike no more after he is incapable of further action, but see that he is stopped.

~Jeff Cooper

Beware the man with one gun. He can probably use it.

~Jeff Cooper

It's human nature to be optimistic. Any fool can enter a market, it takes talent to exit consistently and profitably.

~Jeff Cooper

Colonialism has a bad reputation in the modern context, but Colonial Africa was a far better place for both black and white before the colonists gave up.

~Jeff Cooper

It appears that the Soviets are now going to allow prayer in school. One wonders how soon the United States will catch up.

~Jeff Cooper

Not to our surprise, we discover that gun crime in Britain is up 10.9 percent since the disarmament of the private citizen.

~Jeff Cooper

Without the institution of slavery, civilization would never have been achieved, for no one could ever have done anything intellectual if he had to spend all his time hewing and digging and fighting.

~Jeff Cooper

Know what is behind you, and pay particular attention to anything out of place.

~Jeff Cooper

It is okay to cut your wife's throat as long as you are rich, famous and black.

~Jeff Cooper

If a principle exists it must be immutable, for that is what a principle is - a truth standing apart from the mood of the times.

~Jeff Cooper

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