

# Jennifer Donnelly

## Quotes

*Heart, People, Thinking, Hurt, Feelings, Kings, Pain, Long, World, Men, Want,  
Stupid, Grief, Running, Eye, Forever, Book, Writing, Beautiful, Love*

Because beautiful things never last. Not roses nor snowâ€¦ And not fireworks, either

~Jennifer Donnelly

Meet me where the sky touches the sea. Wait for me where the world begins.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Why is it that weeks and months and years go by so quickly, all in a blur, but moments last forever?

~Jennifer Donnelly

I know it is a bad thing to break a promise, but I think now that it is a worse thing to let a promise break you.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Yeah. Sure. My brother's dead. My mother's insane. Hey, let's have a crepe.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Most of the mess that is called history comes about because kings and presidents cannot be satisfied with a nice chicken and a good loaf of bread.

~Jennifer Donnelly

For mad I may be, but I will never be convenient.

~Jennifer Donnelly

We're not punished for our sins, lad. We're punished by them.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Together in our house, in the firelight, we are the world made small.

~Jennifer Donnelly

History is a Rorschach test, people. What you see when you look at it tells you as much about yourself as it does about the past.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Hope is the crystal meth of emotions. It hooks you fast and kills you hard.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Life's all about the revolution, isn't it? The one inside, I mean. You can't change history. You can't change the world. All you can ever change is yourself.

~Jennifer Donnelly

He who cannot endure the bad will not live to see the good.

~Jennifer Donnelly

The greenest of pastures are right here on earth.

~Jennifer Donnelly

He's wearing boots, a kilt, and a long-sleeve tee. No coat, even though it's December. Beautiful people don't need coats. They've got their auras to keep them warm.

~Jennifer Donnelly

But words are more powerful than anything.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I'm wishing he could see that music lives. Forever. That it's stronger than death. Stronger than time. And that its strength holds you together when nothing else can.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Little by little, the old world crumbled, and not once did the king imagine that some of the pieces might fall on him.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Funny, 'ow you can 'old a jewel in your 'and, and toss it away, and not even know what you 'ad until it's gone.

~Jennifer Donnelly

It is hope, not despair, that undoes us all.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Bravery is feeling fear but doing the thing anyway.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I've always admired your rather formidable will, your refusal to back away from difficulties, but sometimes strength isn't about perseverance. Sometimes it's about knowing when to quit.

~Jennifer Donnelly

A new word. Bright with possibilities. A flawless pearl to turn over and over in my hand, then put away for safekeeping.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Who needs make-believe monsters when there are so many real ones.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I could almost hear the characters inside, murmuring and jostling, impatient for me to open the cover and let them out.

~Jennifer Donnelly

There is a ghost here. A lonely, heartbroken spirit. The ghost of everything that could've been and never was.

~Jennifer Donnelly

When you can write music that endures, bravo. Until then, keep quiet and study the work of those who can.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Namaste. It was a Nepalese greeting. It meant: The light within me bows to the light within you.

~Jennifer Donnelly

She's got a big belt around her hips. It has a shiny buckle with PRADA on it, which is Italian for insecure.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Be careful what you show the world. You never know when the wolf is watching.

~Jennifer Donnelly

For the first time, I saw what was in his heart, and I wondered if he might ever want to look deep enough to see mine.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I just love historical fiction.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I play until my fingertips are raw. Until I rip a nail and bleed on the strings. Until my hands hurt so bad I forget my heart does.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Every heart is made of stories.

~Jennifer Donnelly

There is an advantage to be found in most everything that happens to you, even if it is not immediately apparent.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I was only glad to be saved and never once thought to ask why.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Had you but seen it, I promise you, your high-minded principles would have melted like candle wax. Never would you have wished such beauty away.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I played a role. That is what actors do. But I played it too well. I went too far. And by the time I wanted to stop, to take a bow and leave the stage, it was too late.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Happiness was useless to me. It was heartache that filled my purse. What happy man has need of Shakespeare?

~Jennifer Donnelly

Beautiful people don't need coats. They've got their auras to keep them warm.

~Jennifer Donnelly

But his words fall away. He looks confused. He looks flustered and sorry. Like you do when you run up to someone you think you know and take her arm and she turns around and you were wrong.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Turn away. From the darkness, the madness, the pain. Open your eyes and look at the light.

~Jennifer Donnelly

The rain comes down harder as I write. It sheets off the roof in torrents. I wish it would pound against me. Pound the life from my body. The flesh from my bones. The pain from my heart.

~Jennifer Donnelly

You are a ghost, Andi," she says. "Almost gone." I look at her. I want to say something but I can't get the words out. She squeezes my hands.

"Come back to us," she says. And she's gone.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Because just for a few seconds, someone else hurts, too. For just a few seconds, I'm not alone.

~Jennifer Donnelly

It's only the body that's gone. Only the body. There's a part that doesn't go in the ground, a part that stays inside you forever.

~Jennifer Donnelly

She was everything he wanted from his life, the very measure of his dreams.

~Jennifer Donnelly

One expects decent people to stand up for the good of all. Decent people shut their doors and hide behind them as decent people do. Massacres could never happen if it weren't for decent people.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Come on you raver, you seer of visions, come on you painter, you piper, you prisoner, and shine.

~Jennifer Donnelly

DNA tells you all the secrets of life,' he used to say. Except for oneâ€”how to live it.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I think your vision gets better as you get older.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Airports should all belong to the same country. The country of Crappacia. Or Bleakovania. Or Suckitan.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Writers are damned liars. Every single one of them.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I need a boy who thinks with his big head, not his little one. Since they do not exist, I have fashioned my own.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Cripes Miss Wilcox, they're not guns,' I said. No, they're not Mattie, they're books. And a hundred times more dangerous.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Only the hopeless love God.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Never take what's offered, always ask for more.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Stop yelling. If everyone's yelling, no one can be heard.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Men are the weak ones, luv. Didn't you know? Oh, you make a lot of noise, but its the women who are strong. Where it counts. In 'ere.

~Jennifer Donnelly

You can't argue with the dead, no matter what you say, they always have the last word.

~Jennifer Donnelly

He pressed himself into me and kissed my neck, and it was as if everything strong and solid inside me, heart and bones and muscle and gut, softened and melted from the heat of him.

~Jennifer Donnelly

The more obscure our tastes, the greater the proof of our genius.



~Jennifer Donnelly

Becuse God loves us, but the devil takes an interest.

~Jennifer Donnelly

There is only one thing I fear now-love. For I have seen it and I have felt it and I know that it is love, not death, that undoes us.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I struggled for a long time to get anything published.

~Jennifer Donnelly

I listened as the words became sentences and the sentences became pages and the pages became feelings and voices and places and people.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Make them care, Mattie,' she said softly. 'And don't you ever be sorry.'

-Emily Wilcox

~Jennifer Donnelly

It's another sin. Worse than all the other ones, which are immediate, violent and hot...It's the eighth deadly sin. The one God left out, Hope.

~Jennifer Donnelly

And Robespierre, the Incorruptible, who loved us so much he cut off our heads so we would not be troubled by too many thoughts.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Sometimes, when you catch someone unaware at just the right time and in just the right light, you can catch sight of what they will be.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Who knew that listening to a guy sleep could be so much deeper than

sleeping with a guy.

~Jennifer Donnelly

Voice is not just the sound that comes from your throat, but the feelings that come from your words.

~Jennifer Donnelly

The world goes on, stupid and brutal, but I do not. Can't you see? I do not.

~Jennifer Donnelly

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