

Joanne Harris

Quotes

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She always had that about her, that look of otherness, of eyes that see things much too far, and of thoughts that wander off the edge of the world.

~Joanne Harris

Happiness. Simple as a glass of chocolate or tortuous as the heart.
Bitter. Sweet. Alive.

~Joanne Harris

It isn't just a village. The houses aren't just places to live. Everything belongs to everybody. Everyone belongs to everyone else. Even a single person can make a difference.

~Joanne Harris

I let it go. It's like swimming against the current. It exhausts you. After a while, whoever you are, you just have to let go, and the river brings you home.

~Joanne Harris

A man may plant a tree for a number of reasons. Perhaps he likes trees. Perhaps he wants shelter. Or perhaps he knows that someday he may need the firewood.

~Joanne Harris

I've never been very good at leaving things behind. I tried, but I have always left fragments of myself there too, like seeds awaiting their chance to grow.

~Joanne Harris

I have an advanced degree in procrastination and another one in paranoia.

~Joanne Harris

Some people spend the whole of their lives sitting waiting for one train,

only to find that they never even made it to the station.

~Joanne Harris

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

~Joanne Harris

Life is what you celebrate. All of it. Even its end.

~Joanne Harris

Everything comes home, my mother used to say; every word spoken, every shadow cast, every footprint in the sand. It can't be helped; it's part of what makes us who we are.

~Joanne Harris

Some books you read. Some books you enjoy. But some books just swallow you up, heart and soul.

~Joanne Harris

Places have their own characters. . . . But the people begin to look the same.

~Joanne Harris

I could do with a bit more excess. From now on I'm going to be immoderate--and volatile--I shall enjoy loud music and lurid poetry. I shall be rampant.

~Joanne Harris

As authors, we all expect criticism from time to time, and we all have our ways of coping with unfriendly reviews.

~Joanne Harris

People reveal so much of their mental processes online, simply because the psychological effect of anonymity just means that a whole raft of inhibitions are left alone when people log on.

~Joanne Harris

I'm not fond of cities: the constant activity and swarms of people.

~Joanne Harris

Of course I didn't pioneer the use of food in fiction: it has been a standard literary device since Chaucer and Rabelais, who used food wonderfully as a metaphor for sensuality.

~Joanne Harris

Divination is a means of telling ourselves what we already know.

~Joanne Harris

Death should be a celebration. Like a birthday. I want to go up like a rocket when my time comes, and fall down in a cloud of stars, and hear everyone go: ahh!

~Joanne Harris

I sell dreams, small comforts, sweet harmless temptations to bring down a multitude of saints crashing among the hazels and nougatines

~Joanne Harris

For me, the magic of Hawaii comes from the stillness, the sea, the stars.

~Joanne Harris

A man who casts no shadow isn't really a man at all.

~Joanne Harris

I carried recipes in my head like maps.

~Joanne Harris

I'm politically inclined towards the left, but I don't like to be in anyone's gang; I'm a bit of a loose cannon.

~Joanne Harris

Nat Parson says it's the devil's mark." "Nat Parson's a gobshite."
Maddy was torn between a natural feeling of sacrilege and a deep admiration of anyone who dared call a parson 'gobshite.

~Joanne Harris

Like a domestic cat, purring on the sofa by day, but by night, a strutting queen, a natural killer, disdainful of her other life.

~Joanne Harris

Love not often, but forever.

~Joanne Harris

I dream a lot, in colour and in sound and scent. Quite a few of my stories have come from dreams.

~Joanne Harris

If you want something you can have it, but you have to do some work. It's the ethic my mother brought me up with.

~Joanne Harris

I'm incapable of hiding my feelings when I'm around someone I don't like.

~Joanne Harris

I think everybody has a secret life.

~Joanne Harris

I love it when my books cause controversy, when people argue violently about the ending.

~Joanne Harris

I like literature that you respond to in some way. You laugh, you cry,

you turn the light on - that's great, it's eliciting a response by proxy.

~Joanne Harris

I have a tendency to pick up my own challenges. The more difficult something it is, the more I want to try it.

~Joanne Harris

I don't listen to music when I'm writing, but I often do when I'm reworking, editing or when I need to relax.

~Joanne Harris

I can write absolutely anywhere. All I need is a laptop.

~Joanne Harris

I am not at all a chocoholic. I would rather eat anchovy toast.

~Joanne Harris

From a very young age my mother persuaded me that I could write for fun, but I had to have a proper job - very good advice.

~Joanne Harris

Before you have children, you mostly think about the world in terms of yourself. And when you become a parent, the focus shifts to somebody else.

~Joanne Harris

Online communities are an expression of loneliness.

~Joanne Harris

I don't think I've ever had a mentor. The closest thing is my friend Christopher Fowler, another writer. Chris kept me sane for a long time before I made it.

~Joanne Harris

Was it my fault that I got out of hand? --Loki

~Joanne Harris

All those moments, those memories. Everything that we are, compressed in just two or three kilos of paper â€” the weight of a human heart.

~Joanne Harris

And so Nat stood up and joined the group, and followed, and watched, and awaited his chance as the light of Chaos lit the plain and gods and demons marched to war.

~Joanne Harris

The battle of good and evil reduced to a fat woman standing in front of a chocolate shop, saying, Will I? Won't I? in pitiful indecision.

~Joanne Harris

I liked her better for showing a little spirit.

~Joanne Harris

A spider brings good luck before midnight and bad luck after.

~Joanne Harris

Library-denigrators, pay heed: suggesting that the Internet is a viable substitute for libraries is like saying porn could replace your wife.

~Joanne Harris

The process of giving is without limits.

~Joanne Harris

I'd rather be a freak than a clone.

~Joanne Harris

The process of writing is a little like madness, a kind of possession not

altogether benign.

~Joanne Harris

I speak as I must and cannot be silent.

~Joanne Harris

I'm not sure I believe in the whole 'ghost-afterlife' thing, but I think places are marked by people who have been there.

~Joanne Harris

The dead know everything but they don't give a damn.

~Joanne Harris

I'm phobic about the idea of being constrained.

~Joanne Harris

I've nothing against kids reading anything they please, but I do have a problem with pink books for girls and black books for boys.

~Joanne Harris

I don't tend to do category fiction very well. One of my problems when I was starting off was that publishers were hesitant to handle my books because they were never sure what I was going to do next.

~Joanne Harris

To be closed from everything, and yet to feel, to think...This is the truth of hell, stripped of its gaudy medievalisms. This loss of contact.

~Joanne Harris

Garden work clears the mind.

~Joanne Harris

Some things can be both real and imaginary at the same time, . . . some lies can be true, . . . broken faith may be restored.

~Joanne Harris

I think if you are an outsider then you are an outsider always.

~Joanne Harris

I'm insatiably curious.

~Joanne Harris

The great thing about books is that you can end with a question mark.

~Joanne Harris

Change isn't always comfortable, but it is a fact of life.

~Joanne Harris

It's a feeling which tells me that any woman can be beautiful in the eyes of a man who loves her.

~Joanne Harris

A few hundred years ago there were no differences between magic and medicine.

~Joanne Harris

Remember, it's the winners write the history books, and the losers get the leavings.

~Joanne Harris

This isn't the first time the world has come to an end, and it won't be the last either.

~Joanne Harris

You priests. You're all the same. You think fasting helps you think about God, when anyone who can cook would tell you that fasting just makes you think about food.

~Joanne Harris

Sometimes survival is the worst alternative there is

~Joanne Harris

What is a writer of fiction but a liar with a licence?

~Joanne Harris

I am fascinated by how people eat and what it reveals about them.

~Joanne Harris

The wind always brings us back to the same wall

~Joanne Harris

A named thing is a tamed thing.

~Joanne Harris

Clones fit in. Freaks stand out. Ask me which one I prefer.

~Joanne Harris

Anything based on ancient texts is difficult for a modern reader to get their head around.

~Joanne Harris

If you want to know what's important to a culture, learn their language.

~Joanne Harris

Somehow the anticipation of pain can be even more troubling, more a misery than the pain itself.

~Joanne Harris

A little tantrum in real life seems so much bigger online.

~Joanne Harris

Anything that can be dreamed is true.

~Joanne Harris

The past is an obdurate stranger that puts as many marks on us as we attempt to impose on it.

~Joanne Harris

The right circumstances sometimes happen of their own accord, slyly, without fanfare, without warning. Layman's alchemy. . . . The magic of everyday things.

~Joanne Harris

Their love was something which coloured the air between them like sunlight.

~Joanne Harris

Children are knives, my mother once said. They don't mean to, but they cut. And yet we cling to them, don't we, we clasp them until the blood flows.

~Joanne Harris

A thing named is a thing tamed.

~Joanne Harris

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