

Joe Abercrombie

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You have to learn to love the small things in life, like a hot bath. You have to love the small things, when you have nothing else

~Joe Abercrombie

Have a smile for breakfast, you'll be shitting joy by lunch.

~Joe Abercrombie

I have learned all kinds of things from my many mistakes. The one thing I never learn to stop making them.

~Joe Abercrombie

It is easy to forget how much you have, when your eyes are always fixed on what you have not.

~Joe Abercrombie

Get what you can with words, because words are free, but the words of an armed man ring that much sweeter.

~Joe Abercrombie

Travel brings wisdom only to the wise. It renders the ignorant more ignorant than ever.

~Joe Abercrombie

You should laugh every moment you live, for you'll find it decidedly difficult afterwards.

~Joe Abercrombie

Proof is boring. Proof is tiresome. Proof is an irrelevance. People would far rather be handed an easy lie than search for a difficult truth, especially if it suits their own purposes.

~Joe Abercrombie

Armour... is part of a state of mind... in which you admit the possibility... of being hit.

~Joe Abercrombie

If life has taught me one thing, it's that there are no villains. Only people, doing their best.

~Joe Abercrombie

I've made peace with myself. Good for you. That's the hardest war of all to win. Didn't say I won. Just stopped fighting.

~Joe Abercrombie

Sometimes it doesn't matter too much what choice you make, as long as you make it quick and stick to it.

~Joe Abercrombie

Names turned over by time, like the plough turning the soil. Bringing up the new while the old were buried in the mud.

~Joe Abercrombie

Rules are for children. This is war, and in war the only crime is to lose.

~Joe Abercrombie

There was no such thing as luck. Luck was a word idiots used to explain the consequences of their own rashness, and selfishness, and stupidity. More often than not bad luck meant bad plans.

~Joe Abercrombie

A friendship between a man and a woman was what you called it when one had been pursuing the other for a long time and never gotten anywhere.

~Joe Abercrombie

People love to see death. It reminds them that however mean, however low, however horrible their lives becomeâ€¦ at least they have one.

~Joe Abercrombie

Strange, how the best moments of our lives we scarcely notice except in looking back.

~Joe Abercrombie

Good steel bends, but never breaks. Good steel stays always sharp and ready. Good steel feels no pain, no pity, and above all, no remorse

~Joe Abercrombie

Belief without evidence is the very hallmark of the savage.

~Joe Abercrombie

Every man has his excuses, and the more vile the man becomes, the more touching the story has to be. What is my story now, I wonder?

~Joe Abercrombie

The fool strikes. The wise man smiles, and watches, and learns. Then strikes.

~Joe Abercrombie

You don't pick your family, you take what you're given and you make the best of it.

~Joe Abercrombie

Luck is a woman. She's drawn to those that least deserve her.

~Joe Abercrombie

The wise wait for their moment, but never let it pass.

~Joe Abercrombie

Once you've got a task to do, it's better to do it than live with the fear of it.

~Joe Abercrombie

As a writer, you have to first of all write what you want to. Listen to

advice, by all means, but don't get bogged down in it.

~Joe Abercrombie

If you want to be a new man you have to stay in new places, and do new things, with people who never knew you before. If you go back to the same old ways, what else can you be but the same old person?

~Joe Abercrombie

Fear has made them sloppy. The world teeters at a precipice. All scared to take a step in case they put a foot into empty air. The instinct of self-preservation. It can destroy a man's efficiency.

~Joe Abercrombie

It's hard to be done a favor by a man you hate. It's hard to hate him so much afterwards. Losing an enemy can be worse than losing a friend, if you've had him for long enough.

~Joe Abercrombie

'The Blade Itself' was my first book. Probably I should've tried a few short stories first, but for some reason I decided to begin with Everest.

~Joe Abercrombie

Hard words are for fools and cowards.

~Joe Abercrombie

Sometimes when I'm really enjoying a book, I'll read a sentence or paragraph and just think - how can someone's head be wired in such a way that they'd come up with that?

~Joe Abercrombie

History is littered with dead good men

~Joe Abercrombie

Love is a fine cushion to rest upon, but only hate can make you a better

person.

~Joe Abercrombie

Truly, life is the misery we endure between disappointments.

~Joe Abercrombie

But you can't truly hate a man without loving him first, and there's always a trace of that love left over.

~Joe Abercrombie

It's hard to stay calm when you're terrified, helpless, alone, at the mercy of men with no mercy at all.

~Joe Abercrombie

The truth is like salt. Men want to taste a little, but too much makes everyone sick.

~Joe Abercrombie

A whole new thing. A forging of the humble parts of bread and cheese into a greater whole. I call it...a cheese-trap.

~Joe Abercrombie

Fools boast of what they will do. Heroes do it.

~Joe Abercrombie

I span the entire geek spectrum.

~Joe Abercrombie

Those with the least always lose the most in war.

~Joe Abercrombie

Savor the little moments, son, that's my advice. They're what life is. All the little things that happen while you're waiting for something else.

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