

# John Grisham Quotes

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Fun, Thinking, Reading, Hate, Stories, Stupid, Critics, Home, Clients*

In life, finding a voice is speaking and living the truth. Each of you is an original. Each of you has a distinctive voice. When you find it, your story will be told. You will be heard.

~John Grisham

One thing you really have to watch as a writer is getting on a soapbox or pulpit about anything. You don't want to alienate readers.

~John Grisham

You live your life today, Not tommorow, and certainly not yesterday.

~John Grisham

Prisons are fascinating places, especially when the inmates are educated white-collar types.

~John Grisham

Jesus preached more and taught more about helping the poor and the sick and the hungry than he did about heaven and hell. Shouldn't that tell us something?

~John Grisham

When witnesses concoct lies, they often miss the obvious.

~John Grisham

If you're gonna be stupid you gotta be tough.

~John Grisham

When you work at street level you never know who's going to walk through your door.

~John Grisham

Shame was an emotion he had abandoned years earlier. Addicts know no shame. You disgrace yourself so many times you become immune to it.

~John Grisham

judge not that ye be not judged

~John Grisham

I'm alone and outgunned, scared and inexperienced, but I'm right.

~John Grisham

Live your life the way you want. You'll figure it out.

~John Grisham

I earned my first steady paycheck watering rose bushes at a nursery for a dollar an hour.

~John Grisham

Death row is a nightmare to serial killers and ax murderers. For an innocent man, it's a life of mental torture that the human spirit is not equipped to survive.

~John Grisham

Critics should find meaningful work.

~John Grisham

Keeping a guy in prison costs 50,000 bucks a year. Executing one costs a couple million.

~John Grisham

Once again, I was reminded that Tally was the prettiest girl I'd ever met, and when she smiled at me my mind went blank. Once you've seen a pretty girl naked, you feel a certain attachment to her.

~John Grisham

Reading is by far the most successful pursuit of happiness.

~John Grisham

Life is short..Live to the fullest.

~John Grisham

I guess under the right circumstances, a man will do just about anything.

~John Grisham

Still, something about writing made me spend large hours of my free time at my desk.

~John Grisham

There's always such a rush to judgment. It makes a fair trial hard to get.

~John Grisham

My decision to become a lawyer was irrevocably sealed when I realized my father hated the legal profession.

~John Grisham

Privileged people don't march and protest; their world is safe and clean and governed by laws designed to keep them happy.

~John Grisham

A riveting, exciting and thoroughly compelling tale of adventure.

~John Grisham

It's as if we spend our entire lives avoiding Jell-O but it is always there at the end, waiting.

~John Grisham

Some people have more guts than brains.

~John Grisham

The first thing my family did when we moved was join the local church.

The second was to go to the library and get library cards.

~John Grisham

He's my client, and he's counting on me. I'll take him, warts and all.

~John Grisham

I can't change overnight into a serious literary author. You can't compare apples to oranges. William Faulkner was a great literary genius. I am not.

~John Grisham

I don't want to force my politics on my readers.

~John Grisham

The company later went broke, and of course all blame was directed at the lawyers. Not once did I hear any talk that maybe a trace of mismanagement could in any way have contributed to the bankruptcy.

~John Grisham

You need some coffee, don't you?" "Yes, I've only had a gallon.

~John Grisham

How could homosexuals possibly screw up the sanctity of marriage any worse than heterosexuals?

~John Grisham

After I'd been a lawyer for about five or six years, I started playing around with fiction.

~John Grisham

I struggle with racism every day

~John Grisham

I don't feel stupid, just inadequate. After three years of studying the law,

I'm very much aware of how little I know.

~John Grisham

In one long glorious acknowledgment of failure, he laid himself bare before God.

~John Grisham

I learned that lesson a long time ago. When you write popular fiction, you're going to get bashed by critics.

~John Grisham

You burn a man's pickup, and he's ready for war.

~John Grisham

We learned after the first semester in law school that it's best never to discuss exams. If notes are compared afterwards, you become painfully aware of things you missed.

~John Grisham

Ten years from now I plan to be sitting here, looking out over my land. I hope I'll be writing books, but if not, I'll be on my pond fishing with my kids. I feel like the luckiest guy I know.

~John Grisham

I always do book signings with the same blue pen. That way, if I add a personalised message to a book I've already signed, it'll be in the same colour as my signature.

~John Grisham

In my case, once you sell a lot of books and you are labeled a bestselling author, the serious critics are never gonna say anything nice about you.

~John Grisham

I looked at her and tried to speak, but all I could think about was how shocked she'd be if I said what I was thinking.

~John Grisham

I was a lawyer for 10 years - a short time, but it molded me into who I am.

~John Grisham

The coffee arrives, and we backslide into what lawyers do best---talking about other lawyers.

~John Grisham

Poverty is a great equalizer

~John Grisham

The mother of a trophy wife is not automatically a trophy mother-in-law.

~John Grisham

Michael Harvey should be read by all.

~John Grisham

There are few things in life worse than a long-winded lawyer.

~John Grisham

Please give me fifty more years of work and fun, then an instant death when I'm sleeping.

~John Grisham

I didn't dare think of the future; the past was still happening.

~John Grisham

Prisons are hate factories, Pastor, and society wants more and more of them.

~John Grisham

I'm a Christian, and those beliefs occasionally come out in the books.

~John Grisham

Writing's still the most difficult job I've ever had - but it's worth it.

~John Grisham

It's a game. We tax lawyers teach the rich how to play it so they can stay rich-and the IRS keeps changing the rules so we can keep getting rich teaching them.

~John Grisham

I'm being followed so much I'm causing traffic jams.

~John Grisham

I seriously doubt I would ever have written the first story had I not been a lawyer. I never dreamed of being a writer. I wrote only after witnessing a trial.

~John Grisham

I've written 17 novels, and I've found out that fiction can't keep up with real life.

~John Grisham

The worst letters come from retired high school English teachers. They will literally take a book and pick it to pieces and send me 14 pages of notes.

~John Grisham

Writing was not a childhood dream of mine. I do not recall longing to write as a student. I wasn't sure how to start.

~John Grisham

My name became a brand and I'd love to say it was the plan from the start. But the only plan was to keep writing books. And I've stuck to that



ever since.

~John Grisham

I don't usually eat breakfast. I prefer to be asleep during the hours that it is served.

~John Grisham

Ricky had taught me a few cuss words. I usually practiced them in the woods by the river, then prayed for forgiveness as soon as I was done.

~John Grisham

One thing that drives me nuts... well, let me ask you, when writers write do they not use quotation marks anymore?

~John Grisham

I was tired of secrets, tired of seeing things I was not supposed to see. And so I just cried.

~John Grisham

In little pockets of conversation, old men were telling stories of ancient floods. Women were talking of about how much rain there'd been in other towns -- Paragould, Lepanto, and Manila.

~John Grisham

Four rehabs meant a fifth was somewhere down the road.

~John Grisham

I am currently reading, "The Broker" by John Grisham. it is a little slow to start so I will have to let you know if it gets better

~John Grisham

She was pondering the option of law school, the great American baby-sitter for directionless postgrads.

~John Grisham

I cannot write as well as some people; my talent is in coming up with good stories about lawyers. That is what I am good at.

~John Grisham

The good thing about writing fiction is that you can get back at people.

~John Grisham

I was a lawyer for 10 years, and several of my clients had the misfortune, through no fault of my own, of going to prison. I visited them occasionally.

~John Grisham

Every morning I wake at 6am or 6.30am, champing at the bit.

~John Grisham

I don't even know what a serious literary critic is.

~John Grisham

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