# John Marsden Quotes

Thinking, People, Evil, Dark, Mean, Memories, Suffering, School, Sometimes, Feelings, Names, Sky, Real, Pain, Alive, Sleep, Fall, Hands, Dream, Heart I'm a person of the mountains and the open paddocks and the big empty sky, that's me, and I knew if I spent too long away from all that I'd die; I don't know what of, I just knew I'd die.

~John Marsden

We kill all the caterpillars, then complain there are no butterflies. ~John Marsden

I didn't confess how wrecked I was. Let them keep thinking I was Superwoman if they wanted. I knew the truth.

~John Marsden

The only true test of friendship is the time your friend spends on you. ~John Marsden

My survival was up to me. I had nothing and I had no one. What I did have, I told myself, was my mind, my imagination, my memory, my feelings, my spirit. These were important and powerful things. ~John Marsden

All these words, words like 'evil' and 'vicious', they meant nothing to Nature. Yes, evil was a human invention.

~John Marsden

I live in the light, But carry my dark with me.

~John Marsden

At that age you think boys have as much personality as coat hangers and, you don't notice their looks. Then you grow up. ~John Marsden

There are some things that once you've lost, you never get back. Innocence is one. Love is another. I guess childhood is a third.

~John Marsden

The Bible just said †Thou shalt not kill', then told hundreds of stories of people killing each other and becoming heroes, like David with Goliath.

~John Marsden

the biggest risk is to take no risk. or to take crazy risks.

~John Marsden

Nothing reaches inside you and grabs you by the guts the way fear does.

~John Marsden

Some people wake up drowsy. Some people wake up energized. I wake up dead.

~John Marsden

Time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted.

~John Marsden

What's the Future? It's a blank sheet of paper, and we draw lines on it, but sometimes our hand is held, and the lines we draw aren't the lines we wanted.

~John Marsden

It's good to keep changing your mind. It shows you're thinking. I'll only stop changing my mind when I'm dead. And maybe not even then. ~John Marsden

Don't treat people as you think they are, treat them as you think they are capable of becoming.

~John Marsden

Live as though you'll die tomorrow, but farm as though you'll live forever.

~John Marsden

We'd thought that we were among the first humans to invade this basin, but humans had invaded everything, everywhere. They didn't have to walk into a place to invade it.

~John Marsden

When you're scared you can either give in to the panic and let your mind fall apart, or you can take charge of your mind and think brave. ~John Marsden

Too much thinking, not enough feeling.

~John Marsden

The dreams now were simply of staying alive.

~John Marsden

Never cry over something that can't cry over you.

~John Marsden

If you added up all the really significant episodes in your life they'd probably come to less than sixty minutes.

~John Marsden

Sometimes I got worried that my memory was falling apart.

~John Marsden

Name three types of olives." "Olives! I wouldn't know one type!" "Well, there are three. You can get green ones, you can get black ones, or you can get stuffed.

~John Marsden

We believed we were safe. That was the big fantasy.

~John Marsden

The world was quickly forgetting us. And there was little news to report. ~John Marsden

## Let no stranger intrude here, no invader trespass. This was ours, and this we would defend.

~John Marsden

Blame it on Peer Pressure.

~John Marsden

Oh, Homer! You don't have to play dumb anymore! You're not at school now.

~John Marsden

Sometimes I think I'd rather be frightened than bored. At least when you're frightened you know you're alive.

~John Marsden

Life's harder, the deeper you feel things.

~John Marsden

### Silence, always my fortress, sometimes my prison

~John Marsden

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