

# John Scalzi

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Engrave this in your brain: EVERY WRITER GETS REJECTED. You will be no different.

~John Scalzi

If you want me to treat your ideas with more respect, get some better ideas.

~John Scalzi

I am not responsible for actions of the imaginary version of me you have inside your head.

~John Scalzi

I didn't mind getting old when I was young. It's the being old now that's getting to me.

~John Scalzi

Part of what makes us human is what we mean to other people, and what people mean to us.

~John Scalzi

I thought I saw him once, but it turned out to be a yeti

~John Scalzi

There's a difference between the fact that the universe is inherently unfair on a cosmic level, and the fact that life is unfair because people are actively making it so.

~John Scalzi

When you're a teenager and you're in love, it's obvious to everyone but you and the person you're in love with.

~John Scalzi

The original sin of Republicans is greed. Everyone understands greed. Everybody wants to get theirs. The original sin of Democrats is pity.

Greed is more attractive, and a better motivator, than pity.

~John Scalzi

Christianity is a fine religion and I wish more Christians practiced it.

~John Scalzi

Don't discount that part of who he was just because you didn't know it. None of us are all of who we are to any one person.

~John Scalzi

My marriage had its ups and downs like anyone's, but when it came down to it, I knew it was solid. I miss that sort of security, and that sort of connection with someone.

~John Scalzi

I don't care whether I really exist or don't, whether I'm real or fictional. What I want right now is to be the person who decides my own fate.

~John Scalzi

When you're a kid all you want to do is be somewhere else.

~John Scalzi

You would rather face a life without me than to have me choose a life I would not choose for myself.

~John Scalzi

If your social consciousness seems stuck in 1975, 2014 is gonna be a rough ride.

~John Scalzi

It's easier to miss her at a cemetery, where she's never been anything but dead, than to miss her at all the places where she was alive.

~John Scalzi

Star Wars is not entertainment. Star Wars is George Lucas masturbating to a picture of Joseph Campbell and conning billions of people into watching the money shot.

~John Scalzi

Sooner or later the Narrative will come for each of us.

~John Scalzi

The story of how I left Huckleberry begins -- as do all worthy stories -- with a goat

~John Scalzi

We've already established whoever is writing us is an asshole.

~John Scalzi

I do think people of good will can have different opinions but still be coming not from a place of malice.

~John Scalzi

I failed angst in high school. They let me graduate anyway.

~John Scalzi

Reddit is not a public utility or a public square; its a privately owned space on the Internet.

~John Scalzi

The more I want a book to be done, the faster I type because I just want to get it out.

~John Scalzi

I can describe to you the taste of government cheese.

~John Scalzi

Fear sits and smiles and is predatory, immobile and silent and serene;

an observer who conserves his energy and is content to wait.

~John Scalzi

Guns don't kill people. The aliens behind the triggers do.

~John Scalzi

Being poor is people wondering why you didn't leave.

~John Scalzi

Fear is a scavenger who feeds on the future; on what may be and what is possible, extending down the line of our lives.

~John Scalzi

Here's a quick rule of thumb: Don't annoy science fiction writers. These are people who destroy entire planets before lunch. Think of what they'll do to you.

~John Scalzi

I will not let my sales figures dictate what I say on the blog, because the blog is what I want to say.

~John Scalzi

I both love and am terrified by Greg Van Eekhout's vision of Los Angeles. I already want to go back.

~John Scalzi

When you lose someone you love, you die too, and you wait around for your body to catch up.

~John Scalzi

GamerGate is about harassing, threatening and silencing women. Started that way, has been that way all along. Don't pretend otherwise.

~John Scalzi

I did two things on my seventy-fifth birthday. I visited my wife's grave. Then I joined the army.

~John Scalzi

In other words, crew deaths are a feature, not a bug," Cassaway said, dryly.

~John Scalzi

I grew up in southern California in the 80s. Yes, I am a walking cliché.

~John Scalzi

I'm not insane, sir. I have a finely calibrated sense of acceptable risk.

~John Scalzi

Never anger a sci-fi writer. These people destroy entire planets over lunch. Imagine what they'll do to you.

~John Scalzi

If the universe is bigger and stranger than I can imagine, it's best to meet it with an empty bladder.

~John Scalzi

Do what you need to do and enjoy life as it happens.

~John Scalzi

If your flirting strategy is indistinguishable from harassment, it's not everyone else that's the problem.

~John Scalzi

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