

# Joss Whedon Quotes

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Stay crunchy, even in milk.

~Joss Whedon

I write to give myself strength. I write to be the characters that I am not. I write to explore all the things I'm afraid of.

~Joss Whedon

TV's like whitewater rafting: Without rocks, there wouldn't be rapids, and it wouldn't be as much fun.

~Joss Whedon

The hardest thing in this world, is to live in it.

~Joss Whedon

I am a leaf on the wind. Watch how I soar!

~Joss Whedon

Remember to always be yourself. Unless you suck.

~Joss Whedon

In every generation there is a chosen one. She alone will stand against the vampires the demons and the forces of darkness. She is the slayer.

~Joss Whedon

If I kill you, you'll be awake, you'll be facing me, and you'll be armed.

~Joss Whedon

Don't just be yourself. Be all of yourselves. Don't just live. Be that other thing connected to death. Be life. Live all of your life. Understand it, see it, appreciate it. And have fun.

~Joss Whedon

Peace comes from the acceptance of the part of you that can never be

at peace.

~Joss Whedon

Angelus: Now that's everything, huh? No weapons... No friends...No hope. Take all that away... and what's left? Buffy: Me.

~Joss Whedon

Write it. Shoot it. Publish it. Crochet it, sautÃ© it, whatever. MAKE.

~Joss Whedon

Very occasionally, if you pay really close attention, life doesn't suck.

~Joss Whedon

Humor keeps us alive. Humor and food. Don't forget food. You can go a week without laughing.

~Joss Whedon

Let's put it this way: If a raccoon can carry a movie, then they believe maybe even a woman can.

~Joss Whedon

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the road less traveled by and they CANCELLED MY FRIKKIN' SHOW. I totally shoulda took the road that had all those people on it. Damn.

~Joss Whedon

I'm very much of the "make it dark, make it grim, make it tough", but then, for the love of God, tell a joke.

~Joss Whedon

"Angel, when I look into the future, all I see is you! All I want is you." "I know the feeling."

~Joss Whedon

There's a fine line between support and stalking and let's all stay on the right side of that.

~Joss Whedon

Whatever makes you weird is probably your greatest asset.

~Joss Whedon

Half of writing history is hiding the truth.

~Joss Whedon

People only respond to fear.

~Joss Whedon

The goal is always about the next story. It's always about the thing I haven't done before. It's about learning, or it's about becoming better, and it's about whatever story grabs hold of me.

~Joss Whedon

We are, all of us, incoherent text, and just knowing that - knowing that no matter how much you say, 'I am this' and part of you is not that - means that you can say it.

~Joss Whedon

If every vampire who said he was at the crucifixion was actually there, it would've been like Woodstock.

~Joss Whedon

I tend to tell stories that have a lot of momentum; it's not like 'and then months later...' I like things where the momentum of one action rolls into the next one so everything is the sum of that.

~Joss Whedon

People love a happy ending. So every episode, I will explain once again that I don't like people. And then Mal will shoot someone. Someone we

like. And their puppy.

~Joss Whedon

Recognizing power in another does not diminish your own.

~Joss Whedon

People with real power never fear of losing it. People with control think of little else.

~Joss Whedon

Every vampire fiction reinvents vampires to its own needs. You take what you want.

~Joss Whedon

I don't want the giant ego. I don't want to become Kevin Costner, singing on the soundtrack to The Postman.

~Joss Whedon

Equality is not a concept. It's not something we should be striving for. It's a necessity. Equality is like gravity. We need it to stand on this earth as men and women.

~Joss Whedon

All worthy work is open to interpretations the author did not intend. Art isn't your pet -- it's your kid. It grows up and talks back to you.

~Joss Whedon

'The Sixth Sense' is fine the second time around, but honestly, the first time around, it's dazzling.

~Joss Whedon

Who is to say who is the villain and who is the hero? Probably the dictionary.

~Joss Whedon

Love is for children. I owe him a debt.

~Joss Whedon

You can't take the sky from me.

~Joss Whedon

As far as I am concerned, the first episode of Buffy was the beginning of my career. It was the first time I told a story from start to finish the way I wanted.

~Joss Whedon

Everything is a drug. Family, art, causes, new shoesâ€¦ We're all just tweaking our chem to avoid the void.

~Joss Whedon

If the apocalypse comes...beep me!

~Joss Whedon

To accept duality is to earn identity.

~Joss Whedon

Absolutely eat dessert first. The thing that you want to do the most, do that.

~Joss Whedon

There's a time and place for everything, and I believe it's called 'fan fiction'.

~Joss Whedon

There's a reason Tony Stark makes fun of 'Thor,' and mentions 'Shakespeare' in the park in 'The Avengers.' It's great to play high drama and comedy alongside a modern story.

~Joss Whedon

I'm a very hard-line, angry atheist. Yet I am fascinated by the concept of devotion.

~Joss Whedon

I'd rather make a show 100 people need to see, than a show that 1000 people want to see.

~Joss Whedon

I am a great believer in found families and I'm not a great believer in blood.

~Joss Whedon

I love a straightforward character. I am the guy who loves Cyclops on the 'X-Men', because he is square.

~Joss Whedon

Buffy Anne Summers 1981-2001 Beloved sister devoted friend she saved the world a lot.

~Joss Whedon

If nothing we do matters... , then all that matters is what we do

~Joss Whedon

The one thing a creator can bring to the table when everybody else has all the money and power is centeredness and the ability to walk away. Never sit at a table you can't walk away from.

~Joss Whedon

I hate it when people talk about Buffy as being campy... I hate camp, I don't enjoy dumb TV. I believe Aaron Spelling has single-handedly lowered SAT scores.

~Joss Whedon

The stupidest person in the room might have the best idea.

~Joss Whedon

Don't give people what they want, give them what they need.

~Joss Whedon

We have done the impossible. And that makes us mighty.

~Joss Whedon

Doctor, I'm taking your sister under my protection. If any thing happens to her, anything at all, I swear to you I will get very choked up. Honestly, there could be tears.

~Joss Whedon

Cordelia: I personally don't think it's possible to come up with a crazier plan. Oz: We attack the Mayor with hummus. Cordelia: I stand corrected. Oz: Just keeping things in perspective.

~Joss Whedon

I'll take crazy over stupid any day.

~Joss Whedon

It's good to meet you, Dr. Banner. Your work on anti-electron collisions is unparalleled. And I'm a huge fan of the way you lose control and turn into an enormous green rage monster.

~Joss Whedon

You know what? I was wrong. You are an idiot. My life happens to, on occasion, suck beyond the telling of it. Sometimes more than I can handle.

~Joss Whedon

There are some things I can just smell. It's like a sixth sense." "Well, actually, that would be one of the five.

~Joss Whedon



Identity is something that you are constantly earning.

~Joss Whedon

You either have to write or you shouldn't be writing. That's all.

~Joss Whedon

Actors wait tables, directors work at video stores.

~Joss Whedon

Xander, don't speak Latin in front of the books.

~Joss Whedon

You take people, you put them on a journey, you give them peril, you find out who they really are.

~Joss Whedon

A vague disclaimer is nobody's friend

~Joss Whedon

I'm a science fiction geek from birth - that's just who I am.

~Joss Whedon

Live all of your life. Understand it, see it, appreciate it. And have fun.

~Joss Whedon

He's like Super Librarian, y'know? Everyone forgets, Willow, that knowledge is the ultimate weapon.

~Joss Whedon

I'm never interested in movies where you don't care about the people you're watching, and that's my biggest quibble about horror, that kids have gotten stupider and stupider.

~Joss Whedon

I don't understand why or how anyone ever pulled off the whole idea of 'women are inferior.'

~Joss Whedon

Kristen Stewart is kind of captivating; she can just stare at stuff and it works because I still want to watch it.

~Joss Whedon

I think Spider-Man [film], the first one particularly, really figured out the formula of, "Oh, tell the story that they told in the comic. It was compelling. That's why it's iconic."

~Joss Whedon

The fact of the matter is fame predates even the age of cinema.

~Joss Whedon

It's a fun thing to do, to put yourself in the service of something if you think you can add an interpretation. It's no different than any other storytelling.

~Joss Whedon

"Come on, guys, I'm the leader of a whole movie...!' I tell when I want people to fear and respect me. Not wildly effective."

~Joss Whedon

How did you find me here? If I was blind, I would see you. Stay with me. Forever. That's the whole point. I'll never leave. Not even if you kill me.

~Joss Whedon

You don't buy a Picasso because you love the frame.

~Joss Whedon

It's not enough to bash in heads. You've got to bash in minds.

~Joss Whedon

There are many films and TV shows I make where people find themselves in fantastical situations; as often as possible their reactions to it are very normal.

~Joss Whedon

What I love most about icons is finding out what's behind them, exploring the price of their power.

~Joss Whedon

I have had a dream my whole life... and it was not this good.

~Joss Whedon

War is not just the business of death, it is the antitheses of life.

~Joss Whedon

I believe the only reality is how we treat each other. The morality comes from the absence of any grander scheme, not from the presence of any grander scheme.

~Joss Whedon

I write to be the characters that I am not.

~Joss Whedon

Beautiful revelations of power are often written by the guy who got kicked around and didn't have any power.

~Joss Whedon

If you can't do something smart, do something right.

~Joss Whedon

Science fiction is like a blender - you can put in any historical experience and take influences from everything you see, read or

experience.

~Joss Whedon

I still believe that even though 'The Empire Strikes Back' is better in innumerable ways than 'Star Wars,' 'Star Wars' wins.

~Joss Whedon

If you're going to make a science fiction movie, then have a hover craft chase, for God's sake.

~Joss Whedon

Everything I do is going to contain the message that men who are going to be comfortable with powerful women are going to be more powerful men

~Joss Whedon

I'm Joan of Arc. I figured we had a lot in common, seeing as how I was almost burned at the stake. And plus she had that close relationship with God.

~Joss Whedon

I'm totally cool. I'm totally calm, and I'm totally cool. My calm is exceeded only by my cool. Which is total. Here we go.

~Joss Whedon

I eat 'The Walking Dead' like its made of brains. Can't even watch the show, I love the book so much.

~Joss Whedon

Don't just be yourself. Be all of your selves.

~Joss Whedon

So, no more running. I aim to misbehave.

~Joss Whedon

Captain, I think you have a problem with your brain being missing.

~Joss Whedon

I never tire of the heroes that I knew growing up.

~Joss Whedon

Casting is storytelling.

~Joss Whedon

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