

# Judy Blume Quotes

*Book, Writing, Thinking, Kids, Children, Character, Mother, Reading, People,  
Ideas, Growing Up, Summer, Mean, Girl, Believe, Way, Years, Parent, Real,  
Jobs*

How we handle our fears will determine where we go with the rest of our lives.

~Judy Blume

Let children read whatever they want and then talk about it with them. If parents and kids can talk together, we won't have as much censorship because we won't have as much fear.

~Judy Blume

My only advice is to stay aware, listen carefully, and yell for help if you need it.

~Judy Blume

Believe in yourself and you can achieve greatness in your life.

~Judy Blume

our finger prints dont fade from the lives we touch

~Judy Blume

Having the freedom to read and the freedom to choose is one of the best gifts my parents ever gave me.

~Judy Blume

Librarians save lives by handing the right book at the right time to a kid in need.

~Judy Blume

We are friends for life. When we're together the years fall away. Isn't that what matters? To have someone who can remember with you? To have someone who remembers how far you've come?

~Judy Blume

The truth will make you odd.

~Judy Blume

Things changeâ€things happenâ€things you can't even imagine when you're young and full of hope.

~Judy Blume

Snoring keeps the monsters away.

~Judy Blume

A library is where you meet fascinating characters you never forget.

~Judy Blume

A good writer is always a people watcher.

~Judy Blume

I always have trouble with titles for my books. I usually have no title until the editor has to present the book and calls me frantically, 'Judy, we need a title.

~Judy Blume

Some characters become your friends for life. That's how it was for me with Betsy-Tacy.

~Judy Blume

I'm a rewriter. That's the part I like best . . . once I have a pile of paper to work with, it's like having the pieces of a puzzle. I just have to put the pieces together to make a picture.

~Judy Blume

Concentrate on how good it feels to be alive. No matter what. Just to see the color of the sky, just to smell the air, and feel the wind in your face

~Judy Blume

A person without curiosity may as well be dead.

~Judy Blume

The best books come from someplace inside. You don't write because you want to, but because you have to.

~Judy Blume

I loved to read, and I think any child who loves to read will read anything, including the back of the cereal box, which I did every morning.

~Judy Blume

I love picture books. I think some of the best people in children's books are the ones who create their own picture books. I wish I could say I'm one of them, but I'm not.

~Judy Blume

Something will be offensive to someone in every book, so you've got to fight it.

~Judy Blume

I stop and think before I start a new book and ask myself do I really want to spend the next year or two or three with these characters because if I don't, then I shouldn't be writing about them.

~Judy Blume

Little kids are amazing. They seem able to adjust to anything.

~Judy Blume

I wasn't interested in the kinds of books that I thought I should be reading.

~Judy Blume

My insides still turn over when he looks at me that certain way.

~Judy Blume

Something awful happens to a person who grows up as a creative kid

and suddenly finds no creative outlet as an adult.

~Judy Blume

I am certainly a fearful person, but fearless in my writing. So there's that other person inside.

~Judy Blume

There's no book or play or series or anything that speaks to everyone, because then it wouldn't speak to anyone.

~Judy Blume

It's not so much that I like him as a person God, but as a boy he's very handsome.

~Judy Blume

The best books come from someplace deep inside.... Become emotionally involved. If you don't care about your characters, your readers won't either.

~Judy Blume

Fear is often disguised as moral outrage.

~Judy Blume

[When I was a kid] I was a surgeon, amputating legs and arms of my paper dolls. And I had a little board with little tacks that I would tack them down to do this.

~Judy Blume

I like revising much, much better than getting down a first draft. The first draft is just getting the pieces to the puzzle. Then I get to put the puzzle together!

~Judy Blume

Without peanut butter, I might starve.

~Judy Blume

I can't let safety and security become the focus of my life.

~Judy Blume

Never give up! And remember, determination is as important as talent.

~Judy Blume

Do not let anyone discourage you. If they try: get determined, not depressed.

~Judy Blume

Determination and hard work are as important as talent.

~Judy Blume

I like one hair, tuna fish, the smell of rain and things that are pink. I hate pimples, baked potatoes, when my mother's mad, and religious holidays.

~Judy Blume

I am a big defender of 'Harry Potter,' and I think any book that gets kids to read are books that we should cherish, we should be thankful for them.

~Judy Blume

We must, we must, we must increase our bust.

~Judy Blume

You think everything can be magically cured with vitamins?â€•  
â€œEverything but us.

~Judy Blume

Suddenly question number four popped into my mind. Have you thought about how this relationship will end?

~Judy Blume

It's strange, but when it comes right down to it I never do fall apart--even when I'm sure I will.

~Judy Blume

Moms come up to me at book signings.

~Judy Blume

No place has delicatessen like New York.

~Judy Blume

Nothing teaches you as much about writing dialogue as listening to it.

~Judy Blume

When you ask, did writing change my life? It totally changed my life. It gave me my life.

~Judy Blume

I didn't know anything about writers. It never occurred to me they were regular people and that I could grow up to become one, even though I loved to make up stories inside my head.

~Judy Blume

When I'm writing a book, you can't think about your audience. You're going to be in big trouble if you think about it. You're got to write from deep inside.

~Judy Blume

In this age of censorship, I mourn the loss of books that will never be written, I mourn the voices that will be silenced-writers' voices, teachers' voices, students' voices-and all because of fear.

~Judy Blume

I wanted to write honest books for kids because I didn't have those when I was a kid.

~Judy Blume

My parents gave me that gift of "reading is a good thing." I mean my mother was afraid of everything. But she was never afraid that Judy is reading.

~Judy Blume

I try to create new characters in each book I write. That's what makes writing fun and interesting for me.

~Judy Blume

But if you aren't any religion, how are you going to know if you should join the Y or the Jewish Community Center?

~Judy Blume

What's the point of thinking about how it's going to end when it's just the beginning?

~Judy Blume

I am not scared of you, I am scare of these feelings.

~Judy Blume

When I started to write, it was the '70s, and throughout that decade, we didn't have any problems with book challenges or censorship.

~Judy Blume

Another thing all writers have in common is we're all observers. We pay attention to detail.

~Judy Blume

Ideas come from everywhere - they come from what you see and hear and imagine.



~Judy Blume

What I remember when I started to write was how I couldn't wait to get up in the morning to get to my characters.

~Judy Blume

The creative process; I enjoy thinking up the stories and situations for my books.

~Judy Blume

I think people who write for kids, we have that ability to go back into our own lives.

~Judy Blume

I'm really quite bad at coming up with plot ideas. I like to create characters and just see what will happen to them when I let them loose!

~Judy Blume

You've got to enjoy whatever you can and forget about the rest.

~Judy Blume

Ideas seem to come from everywhere - my life, everything I see, hear, and read, and most of all, from my imagination. I have a lot of imagination.

~Judy Blume

I meet people on the street or at book signings and they tend to treat me as if they know me, as if we're connected. It's great.

~Judy Blume

She wondered if all the firsts in her life would go by so quickly, and be forgotten just as quickly.

~Judy Blume

My mother was my greatest fan.

~Judy Blume

That's good when you don't know what you're doing. But you're doing it and it's spontaneous and you're not afraid.

~Judy Blume

Do not tell me what to do and do not tell me what I can't do.

~Judy Blume

I was Little Miss Perfect. That's where all the secrets come in, because you know damn well you are not perfect, but you think your parents want you to be. And so you pretend.

~Judy Blume

some changes happen deep down inside of you. And the truth is, only you know about them. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be.

~Judy Blume

hi I hope u want to be my friends

~Judy Blume

I'm an e-mail junkie though I'm trying to read my in-box only twice a day and to answer all at once.

~Judy Blume

I love to watch movies.

~Judy Blume

Its all about your determination, I think, as much as anything. There are a lot of people with talent, but its that determination.

~Judy Blume

I do believe that people who write for children are deeply connected to

their own childhood.

~Judy Blume

I think we made out [sexuality changing]. I think that's really great, and we didn't jump into intercourse. And there were no blow jobs.

~Judy Blume

It's so amazing. I mean talk about sexuality changing.

~Judy Blume

I don't really know exactly how it happened but I don't like the idea that I would ever have said I'm going to write about racism or puberty or bullying.

~Judy Blume

We weren't doing blow jobs when I was growing up.

~Judy Blume

I always had stories inside my head and one day I just decided to start writing them down. I didn't actually decide.

~Judy Blume

My husband says I have too much imagination, but I don't think a writer can have too much imagination!

~Judy Blume

I don't necessarily want to talk about a book that I read. Even when I love it.

~Judy Blume

I like to read fiction best and I like to write fiction, too.

~Judy Blume

Sometimes I can't read my own handwriting. That's a problem!

~Judy Blume

I kept a diary as a teenager but I never would have shared it with anyone. Still, I think it's very good practice to write things down.

~Judy Blume

I'm lucky that so many children visit my website. At least I get to talk with them that way.

~Judy Blume

[ Adult novels] was the world of grownups. There was nothing about teenagers.

~Judy Blume

I never read a horse book in my life. But I thought that's what my friends were reading and that's what I should be reading. And this was "Dobbin Does This" and "Dobbin Does That."

~Judy Blume

I have like two dreams a week that I have to write a paper that I'm late with or that I've gone back to high school and have to do that in addition to my current job.

~Judy Blume

I'm a people person. I never get tired of watching people, especially young people.

~Judy Blume

I didn't know I was really a writer until I read it in the New York Times. And then I thought, "Oh my god, maybe I can really do this". That was a review of "Margaret."

~Judy Blume

I'm a more skilled writer now, but after 23 books it's harder to be fresh

and that's really important to me. I don't want to write the same thing over and over again.

~Judy Blume

First of all I can only focus on one creative project at a time. I wish I could focus on two, because I really only write.

~Judy Blume

That's my anxiety dream. I go to the library and all the books on my subject are out.

~Judy Blume

I love movies, and theater, and kayaking, reading, biking, walking - oh, and dancing. I love to dance!

~Judy Blume

Isn't that interesting. All the book clubs. I've never belonged to one.

~Judy Blume

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