

Justin Cronin

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If you are writing any book about the end of the world, what you are really writing about is what's worth saving about it.

~Justin Cronin

Behind every writer stands a very large bookshelf.

~Justin Cronin

My inventing time is all done under the influence of aerobic exercise. Basically, I do all my thinking while I run.

~Justin Cronin

I grew up during the Cold War, when everything seemed very tenuous. For many years, right up until the fall of the Berlin Wall, I had vivid nightmares of nuclear apocalypse.

~Justin Cronin

We live, we die. Somewhere along the way, if we're lucky, we may find someone to help lighten the load.

~Justin Cronin

This ravishing world. This achingly bittersweet, ravishing world.

~Justin Cronin

I have any number of completely dark obsessions and fascinations, and none of this was present in my profile or my growing profile as a writer.

~Justin Cronin

My rule has always been, write the next part of the book that you seem to know well. So I won't necessarily write chapter two after chapter one.

~Justin Cronin

What strange places our lives can carry us to, what dark passages.

~Justin Cronin

Even on the darkest night, my friend, life will have its way.

~Justin Cronin

And indeed, I am a warmhearted and thoroughly domestic man who gets up and makes pancakes for his children and kisses them on the head when he sends them off to their day.

~Justin Cronin

My theory of characterization is basically this: Put some dirt on a hero, and put some sunshine on the villain, one brush stroke of beauty on the villain.

~Justin Cronin

I'm an ecumenical reader, grew up with all sorts of fiction, teach writing, went to the Iowa Writers' Workshop, so my tastes and interests are broad.

~Justin Cronin

Because that's what heaven is...it's opening the door of a house in twilight and everyone you love is there.

~Justin Cronin

It happened fast. Thirty-two minutes for one world to die, another to be born.

~Justin Cronin

Miles away from everything and everyone I've ever known or loved. I feel as if I've entered a new era of my life. What strange places our lives carry us to.

~Justin Cronin

One of the great themes in American literature is the individual's confrontation with the vast open spaces of the continent.

~Justin Cronin

Choosing writing as a career, just by itself, is a measure of not being a calculating person.

~Justin Cronin

The world was a world of dreaming souls who could not die.

~Justin Cronin

So, whenever I'm writing, I'm writing in the presence of all the other books I've read and I think we all are.

~Justin Cronin

Kittredge had obviously misjudged her, but he had learned that was the way with most people. The story was never the story, and it surprised you, how much another person could carry.

~Justin Cronin

It had never occurred to her that God would cry, but of course that was wrong. God would be crying all the time. He would cry and cry and never stop.

~Justin Cronin

You learn to write by reading, and my experiences and tastes as a reader are pretty wide.

~Justin Cronin

I'm still an English professor at Rice University here in Houston. They've been very generous in letting me on a very long leash to just work on 'The Passage' and its sequels.

~Justin Cronin

I tend to start at 9 o'clock in the morning and write until 3. Those are my best hours. They fit the other rhythms of the world. So I write for six hours, pretty much without any breaks.

~Justin Cronin

Every book has got its challenges. You run into a plot point that you can't figure out, or a scene that you struggle to write and have to write 50 times.

~Justin Cronin

If asked to name the worst moment of his life, Michael Fisher wouldn't have hesitated to give his answer: it was when the lights went out.

~Justin Cronin

Writing is a job: you must show up.

~Justin Cronin

Writers who pretend that everything they're doing is completely new are full of it.

~Justin Cronin

I came to Houston for a job, the reason most people move halfway across the country with a first grader and a five-week-old. I came here to teach at Rice.

~Justin Cronin

I like creating villains.

~Justin Cronin

I think many years ago I got on a bus in L.A. and drove around to see the stars' homes, but that's the extent of my direct experience in Hollywood.

~Justin Cronin

I was a 'Planet of the Apes'-obsessed kid.

~Justin Cronin

I was very much a child of the Cold War.

~Justin Cronin

And I grew up on a steady diet of science fiction, especially apocalyptic and postapocalyptic fiction.

~Justin Cronin

The fact is, there's a great deal of hair-splitting fussiness when it comes to fly-fishing, most of it as silly as a top hat.

~Justin Cronin

The military was all about hierarchies, who urinated highest on the hydrant

~Justin Cronin

It was what you did, Wolgast understood; you started to tell a story about who you were, and soon enough the lies were all you had and you became that person.

~Justin Cronin

He breathed once more, holding the air in his chest, as if it were not air but something more--a sweet taste of freedom, of all cares lifted, everything over and done.

~Justin Cronin

Before she became the Girl from Nowhere-the One Who Walked In, the First and Last and Only, who lived a thousand years-she was just a little girl in Iowa, named Amy. Amy Harper Bellafonte.

~Justin Cronin

When you write, you take the ball and you hold it up to the light and you turn it slowly, and let people draw their own conclusions. And try to bring empathy to all sides of the equation.

~Justin Cronin

She remembered no one at all. She remembered one day thinking: I am alone. There is no I but I. She lived in the dark. She taught herself

to walk in the light, though it was not easy.

~Justin Cronin

The sadness you feel is not your own. It's his sadness you feel in your heart, Amy, for missing you.

~Justin Cronin

I saw my one purpose in that moment, looking into that little girls eyes. I was the one who was meant to save her, that was my one purpose all this time.

~Justin Cronin

There's an outline for each of the books that I adhere to pretty closely, but I'm not averse to taking it in a new direction, as long as I can get it back to where I need it to go.

~Justin Cronin

Real courage is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. Doing the unpopular thing because it's what you believe, and the heck with everybody.

~Justin Cronin

And I had always liked vampire stories because they are great material that can be refashioned in lots of ways.

~Justin Cronin

So perhaps the greatest worry of all was that one day you would realize that all the worries of your life amounted to one thing: the desire to just stop worrying.

~Justin Cronin

As long as we remember a person, they're not really gone. Their thoughts, their feelings, their memories, they become a part of us.

~Justin Cronin

It's different being afraid when there's the hope it will amount to something.

~Justin Cronin

I like to break left when people think I'm going to go right.

~Justin Cronin

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