

# Katherine Dunn

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Well, it arose out of two long-term concerns - the first being the possibility of genetic manipulation, nature versus nurture, what constitutes how people get to be how they are.

~Katherine Dunn

Let's just say, the American school of suburban angst is not my cup of tea.

~Katherine Dunn

Prior to penicillin and medical research, death was an everyday occurrence. It was intimate.

~Katherine Dunn

They thought to use and shame me but I win out by nature, because a true freak cannot be made. A true freak must be born.

~Katherine Dunn

I have been a believer in the magic of language since, at a very early age, I discovered that some words got me into trouble and others got me out.

~Katherine Dunn

The truth is always an insult or a joke, lies are generally tastier. We love them. The nature of lies is to please. Truth has no concern for anyone's comfort

~Katherine Dunn

Women who pay their own rent don't have to be nice.

~Katherine Dunn

Every doorway, every intersection has a story.

~Katherine Dunn

I get glimpses of the horror of normalcy. Each of these innocents on the

street is engulfed by a terror of their own ordinariness. They would do anything to be unique.

~Katherine Dunn

But the animation has become very good, and I think that a movie is not a book, and a book is not a movie.

~Katherine Dunn

In our struggle to restrain the violence and contain the damage, we tend to forget that the human capacity for aggression is more than a monstrous defect, that it is also a crucial survival tool.

~Katherine Dunn

Suddenly the staggering love bursts away from me like milk from a smashed glass.

~Katherine Dunn

This idea that males are physically aggressive and females are not has distinct drawbacks for both sexes.

~Katherine Dunn

What I think happens, and that you have to acknowledge though, is that a director uses a book as a launching pad for his own work and that's always very flattering.

~Katherine Dunn

But the idea that women can't take care of themselves still permeates our culture.

~Katherine Dunn

Training of female athletes is so new that the limits of female possibility are still unknown.

~Katherine Dunn

I do not plan any painting, but begin with layers of textures and colors. As I layer the colors, something is suggested to me from within, and that is how it evolves.

~Katherine Dunn

The more potent, unasked question is how society at large reacts to eager, voluntary violence by females, and to the growing evidence that women can be just as aggressive as men.

~Katherine Dunn

It goes in streaks. But some things never go out of fashion.' Hunger artists, fat folks, giants, and dog acts come and go but real freaks never lose their appeal.

~Katherine Dunn

American culture is torn between our long romance with violence and our terror of the devastation wrought by war and crime and environmental havoc.

~Katherine Dunn

There are parts of Texas where a fly lives 10,000 years and a man can't die soon enough.

~Katherine Dunn

How deep and sticky is the darkness of childhood, how rigid the blades of infant evil, which is unadulterated, unrestrained by the convenient cushions of age and its civilizing anesthesia.

~Katherine Dunn

Were also far enough from the publishing power that we have no access to the politics of publishing, although there are interpersonal politics, of course.

~Katherine Dunn

Pretty things will swarm you like that, like your heart was a hive of electric bees.

~Katherine Dunn

I know if I were in your generation I would be really tired of seeing Sophia Loren as a sex object.

~Katherine Dunn

It is coincidence, I decide, and I am getting old and batty, thinking the universe revolves around me.

~Katherine Dunn

I come from a family of great readers and storytellers.

~Katherine Dunn

I think genetic research is a fascinating and fertile area.

~Katherine Dunn

Asked why they wanted to fight, the young women said they enjoyed it, just as some men and boys do.

~Katherine Dunn

I am here, come closer," the old donkey said with her eyes. "I will mother you.

~Katherine Dunn

My paintings are reflections of my own inner mysteries... they all reflect my relationship to my steadiest of companions and muses - nature and animals.

~Katherine Dunn

Giving Papa time to think, as Arty put it, was like pumping random rounds into a fireworks factory. The odds favored dramatic results.

~Katherine Dunn

Sometimes just looking at [my parents] I wanted to bash their heads with a tire iron. Not to kill them, just to wake them up.

~Katherine Dunn

Only a lunatic would want to be president. These lunatics are created deliberately by those who wish to be presided over.

~Katherine Dunn

And while national military forces have historically resisted the full participation of women soldiers, female talent has found plenty of scope in revolutionary and terrorist groups around the planet.

~Katherine Dunn

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My worst is all out in the open. It makes it necessary for people to tell you about themselves.

~Katherine Dunn

We survive until, by sheer stamina, we escape into the dim innocence of our own adulthood and its forgetfulness.

~Katherine Dunn

He must love me, i thought, amazed. A faint whiff of nausea hit me at seeing pain as proof of love, but it seemed true. Unavoidable.

~Katherine Dunn

But I think everybody should write. I think those people with stories who don't write should be stomped on.

~Katherine Dunn

Oh, of course, I always feel unconfident.

~Katherine Dunn

I think that it's really important to go away and come back.

~Katherine Dunn

In the end I would always pull up with a sense of glory, that loving is the strong side. It's feeble to be an object. What's the point of being loved in return, I'd ask myself.

~Katherine Dunn

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