

# Lauren Oliver

## Quotes

*People, Thinking, Eye, Heart, World, Fall, Way, Lying, Wall, Dark, Past,  
Delirium, Beautiful, Feelings, Want, Forever, Kissing, Believe, Looks, Alex*

But how could anyone who's ever seen a summer - big explosion of green and skies lit up electric with splashy sunsets, a riot of flowers and wind that smells like honey - pick the snow?

~Lauren Oliver

Live free or die.

~Lauren Oliver

It's funny, isn't it? When you are young you just want to be old, and then later you wish you could go back to being a kid.

~Lauren Oliver

How can someone have the power to shatter you to dust--and also to make you feel so whole?

~Lauren Oliver

Dystopian novels help people process their fears about what the future might look like; further, they usually show that there is always hope, even in the bleakest future.

~Lauren Oliver

Fridays are the hardest in some ways: you're so close to freedom.

~Lauren Oliver

And when it started to get dark you pointed to the sky, and told me there was a star for every thing you loved about me.

~Lauren Oliver

i think of all the thousands of billions of steps and missteps and chances and coincidences that have brought me here. Brought you here, and it feels like the biggest miracle in the world.

~Lauren Oliver

I love you. Remember. They cannot take it

~Lauren Oliver

I said, I prefer the ocean when it's gray. Or not really gray. A pale, in-between color. It reminds me of waiting for something good to happen.

~Lauren Oliver

I guess that's just part of loving people: You have to give things up. Sometimes you even have to give them up.

~Lauren Oliver

But you can build a future out of anything. A scrap, a flicker. The desire to go forward, slowly, one foot at a time. You can build an airy city out of ruins.

~Lauren Oliver

Mama, Mama, put me to bed I won't make it home, I'm already half-dead I met an Invalid, and fell for his art He showed me his smile, and went straight for my heart.

~Lauren Oliver

Hope keeps you alive.

~Lauren Oliver

I'd rather die my way than live yours.

~Lauren Oliver

A good friend keeps your secrets for you. A best friend helps you keep your own secrets.

~Lauren Oliver

Black is too morbid; red will set them on edge; pink is too juvenile; orange is freakish

~Lauren Oliver

Hearts are fragile things. That's why you have to be so careful.

~Lauren Oliver

Please understand. Please forgive me. I prayed every day for you to be alive, until hope became painful. Don't hate me. I still love you.

~Lauren Oliver

Droplets, droplets: we are all identical drips and drops of people, hovering, waiting to be tipped, waiting for someone to show us the way, to pour us down a path.

~Lauren Oliver

You have to go forward: It's the only way. You have to go forward no matter what happens. This is the universal law.

~Lauren Oliver

The memories seem like snapshots from someone else's life.

~Lauren Oliver

Take it from me: If you hear the past speaking to you, feel it tugging up your back and running its fingers up your spine, the best thing to do-the only thing-is run.

~Lauren Oliver

The sparrows jumped before they knew how to fly, and they learned to fly only because they had jumped.

~Lauren Oliver

I guess that's what saying good-bye is always like--like jumping off an edge. The worst part is making the choice to do it. Once you're in the air, there's nothing you can do but let go.

~Lauren Oliver

people themselves are full of tunnels: winding, dark spaces and

caverns; impossible to know all the places inside of them. Impossible even to imagine.

~Lauren Oliver

And it's the funniest thing: as soon as I see it, the whistling in my ears stops and the feeling of terror drains away, and I realize this whole time I haven't been falling at all. I've been floating.

~Lauren Oliver

I love you. Remember. And someday, I will find you again.

~Lauren Oliver

I know that the whole pointâ€”the only pointâ€”is to find the things that matter, and hold on to them, and fight for them, and refuse to let them go.

~Lauren Oliver

An eye for an eye." "And the whole world goes blind," Coral puts in quietly.

~Lauren Oliver

The tunnels may be long, and twisted, and dark; but you are supposed to go through them.

~Lauren Oliver

The past is nothing but a weight. It will build inside of you like a stone.

~Lauren Oliver

I'd rather die on my own terms than live on theirs. I'd rather die loving Alex than live without him.

~Lauren Oliver

Now I'd rather be infected with love for the tiniest sliver of a second than live a hundred years smothered by a lie.

~Lauren Oliver

It was as though the darkness was a sheet of raw cookie dough and someone had just taken a cookie cutter and made a child-sized shape out of it.

~Lauren Oliver

It's like a razor blade edging its way through my organs, shredding me, all I can think is: It will kill me, it will kill me, it will kill me. And I don't care.

~Lauren Oliver

That is the strangest thing about the world: how it looks so different from every point of view.

~Lauren Oliver

You can't be happy unless you're unhappy sometimes".

~Lauren Oliver

For a second I feel a rush of sadness: for the horizons that vanish behind us, for the people we leave behind, the tiny-doll selves that get stored away and ultimately buried.

~Lauren Oliver

So many things become beautiful when you really look.

~Lauren Oliver

Love: It will kill you and save you, both

~Lauren Oliver

The deadliest of all deadly things: It kills you both when you have it and when you don't.

~Lauren Oliver

Snapshots, moments, mere seconds: as fragile and beautiful and hopeless as a single butterfly, flapping on against a gathering wind.

~Lauren Oliver

Juliet! I whip around but not quickly enough. She's swallowed by the crowd, the gap that allowed her to break for the door closing just as quickly as it opened, a shifting Tetris pattern of bodies.

~Lauren Oliver

The rules of Panic are simple. Anyone can enter. But only one person will win.

~Lauren Oliver

Less than a month ago all of August still stretched before us - long and golden and reassuring, like an endless period of delicious sleep.

~Lauren Oliver

One of the strangest things about life is that it will chug on, blind and oblivious, even as your private world - your little carved-out sphere - is twisting and morphing, even breaking apart.

~Lauren Oliver

This is what hatred is. It will feed you and at the same time turn you to rot.

~Lauren Oliver

I shiver, thinking how easy it is to be totally wrong about people-to see one tiny part of them and confuse it for the whole, to see the cause and think it's the effect or vice versa

~Lauren Oliver

The flip side of freedom is this: When you're completely free, you're also completely on your own.

~Lauren Oliver

Rainstorms are incredible: falling shards of glass, the air full of diamonds.

~Lauren Oliver

How is it possible, I think, to change so much and not be able to change anything at all?

~Lauren Oliver

I've been so used to thinking of what the borders are keeping out that I haven't considered that they're also penning us in.

~Lauren Oliver

I don't love you, Lena. Do you hear me? I never love you.

~Lauren Oliver

Maybe next time, but probably not.

~Lauren Oliver

This is what happens when you try to help people. You get screwed.

~Lauren Oliver

Perfection is a promise, and a reassurance that we are not wrong.

~Lauren Oliver

Lindsay calls them the Pugs: pretty from far away, ugly up close.

~Lauren Oliver

This is the strange way of the world, that people who simply want to love are instead forced to become warriors.

~Lauren Oliver

It will kill me, it will kill me, it will kill me. And I don't care.

~Lauren Oliver



This is what I want. This is the only thing I've ever wanted. Everything elseâ€”every single second of every single day that has come before this very moment, this kissâ€”has meant nothing.

~Lauren Oliver

Love is the only thing in the world worth having. You must never lose it or give it away. We must never let them take it from us.

~Lauren Oliver

Hate isn't the most dangerous thing, he'd said. Indifference is.

~Lauren Oliver

When you love someone, when you care for someone, you have to do it through the good and the bad. Not just when you're happy and it's easy.

~Lauren Oliver

And how she looked at me like I could save her from everything bad in the world. This was my secret: she was the one who saved me

~Lauren Oliver

Anger is useful only to a certain point. After that, it becomes rage, and rage will make you careless.

~Lauren Oliver

Things change after you die, though, I guess because dying is the loneliest thing you can do.

~Lauren Oliver

Love: a single word, a wispy thing, a word no bigger or longer than an edge.

~Lauren Oliver

The last laugh, the last cup of coffee, the last sunset, the last time you

jump through a sprinkler, or eat an ice-cream cone, or stick your tongue out to catch a snowflake. You just don't know.

~Lauren Oliver

If you're smart, you care. And if you care, you love.

~Lauren Oliver

"Everyone is asleep. They've all been asleep for years. You seemed... awake." Alex is whispering now. He closes his eyes, opens them again. "I'm tired of sleeping."

~Lauren Oliver

There is no before. There is only now, and what comes next.

~Lauren Oliver

The most dangerous sicknesses are those that make us believe we are well

~Lauren Oliver

And then, just at that moment, when I'm no longer sure if I'm dreaming or awake or walking some valley in between where everything you wish for comes true, I feel the flutter of his lips on mine.

~Lauren Oliver

Music, I think, he makes me feel like music

~Lauren Oliver

Unhappiness is bondage; therefore, happiness is freedom.

~Lauren Oliver

Human beings, in their natural state, are unpredictable, erratic, and unhappy. It is only once their animal instincts are controlled that they can be responsible, dependable, and content.

~Lauren Oliver

Everything in me feels fluttering and free, like I could take off from the ground at any second. Music, I think, he makes me feel like music.

~Lauren Oliver

Through wind, and tempest, storm, and rain; The calm shall be buried inside of me; A warm stone, heavy and dry; The root, the source, a weapon against pain

~Lauren Oliver

He is no longer mine to lose, but the grief is there, a gnawing sense of disbelief.

~Lauren Oliver

Po flickered. "Thank you?" it repeated. "What is that?" Liesl thought. "It means, You were wonderful," she said. "It means, I couldn't have done it without you.

~Lauren Oliver

Love obeys no laws other than its own.

~Lauren Oliver

He is my world and my world is him and without him there is no world.

~Lauren Oliver

I wonder if this is how people always get close: They heal each other's wounds; they repair the broken skin.

~Lauren Oliver

Feelings aren't forever. Time waits for no one, but progress waits for man to enact it.

~Lauren Oliver

"And I love you too." His fingers skate the edge of my jaw, dance briefly over my lips. "You should know that. You have to know that."

~Lauren Oliver

But this isn't like anything I've ever seen, or imagined, or even dreamed: This is like music or dancing but better than both.

~Lauren Oliver

Everywhere he touches is fire. My whole body is burning up, the two of us becoming twin points of the same bright white flame.

~Lauren Oliver

Sometimes I'm afraid to go to sleep because of what I'm leaving behind.

~Lauren Oliver

Grief is like sinking, like being buried.

~Lauren Oliver

We all need mantras, I guess - stories we tell ourselves to keep us going.

~Lauren Oliver

People are like ants: Just a few of them give all the orders. And most of them spend their lives getting squashed.

~Lauren Oliver

Time and space recede and blast away like a universe expanding forever outward, and leaving only darkness and the two of us on its periphery, darkness and breathing and touch.

~Lauren Oliver

Running is a mental sport, more than anything else. You're only as good as your training, and your training is only as good as your thinking.

~Lauren Oliver

We'll go.â€• Her voice is surprisingly deep and forceful. Set in her sunken, shipwreck face, her eyes burn like two smoldering coals.â€œWe'll fight.

~Lauren Oliver

i suppose that's the secret, if you're ever wishing for things to back the way they were. You just have to look up.

~Lauren Oliver

So are you going to be my knight in shining armor or what?' Kent does a little bow. 'You know I can't resist a damsel in distress.

~Lauren Oliver

We wanted the freedom to love. We wanted the freedom to choose. Now we have to fight for it.

~Lauren Oliver

It's amazing how close I have been, all this time, to my old life. And yet the distance that divides me from it is vast.

~Lauren Oliver

Maybe all of these different possibilities exist at the same time, like each moment we live has a thousand other moments layered underneath it that look different.

~Lauren Oliver

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