

# Lois Lowry Quotes

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-a whole world can lie before someone, if love is there when one wakes.

~Lois Lowry

Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come.

~Lois Lowry

It is very risky. But each time a child opens a book, he pushes open the gate that separates him from Elsewhere.

~Lois Lowry

The worst part of holding the memories is not the pain. It's the loneliness of it. Memories need to be shared.

~Lois Lowry

The writer after all is only half the book, the other half is the reader.

~Lois Lowry

Kids deserve the right to think that they can change the world.

~Lois Lowry

The life where nothing was ever unexpected. Or inconvenient. Or unusual. The life without colour, pain or past.

~Lois Lowry

We live in times that are in many ways ambiguous. Maybe that's why kids want precision in what they read - they don't like that moral ambiguity.

~Lois Lowry

Take pride in your pain; you are stronger than those who have none

~Lois Lowry

He wept, and it felt as if the tears were cleansing him, as if his body

needed to empty itself.

~Lois Lowry

It is much easier to be brave if you do not know everything.

~Lois Lowry

People in the know say *The Giver* was the first young adult dystopian novel.

~Lois Lowry

There is something about that moment, when literature becomes accessible, and a door of the world opens.

~Lois Lowry

Fear dims when you learn things.

~Lois Lowry

Evil can do anything, for a price.

~Lois Lowry

Gabe?" The newchild stirred slightly in his sleep. Jonas looked over at him. "There could be love", Jonas whispered.

~Lois Lowry

She fell asleep, and it was a sleep as thin as the night clouds, dotted with dreams that came and went like the stars.

~Lois Lowry

Every 'no' means you are that much closer to a 'yes.'

~Lois Lowry

It's the choosing that's important, isn't it?

~Lois Lowry

I was a sidelines child: never class president, never team captain, never the one with the most valentines in my box.

~Lois Lowry

And here in this room, I re-experience the memories again and again it is how wisdom comes and how we shape our future.

~Lois Lowry

Memory is the happiness of being alone.

~Lois Lowry

What's important is the preparation for adult life, and the training you'll receive in your Assignment.

~Lois Lowry

Because of fear, they made shelter and found food and grew things. For the same reason, weapons were stored, waiting.

~Lois Lowry

He wept because he was afraid now that he could not save Gabriel. He no longer cared about himself

~Lois Lowry

Writing is self employment, so you can make your own schedule.

~Lois Lowry

We gained control of many things. But we had to let go of others.

~Lois Lowry

If you were to be lost in the river, Jonas, your memories would not be lost with you. Memories are forever.

~Lois Lowry

The whole world had changed. Only the fairy tales remained the same.

"And they lived happily ever after.

~Lois Lowry

The mind can't explain it, and you can't make it go away. It's called love.

~Lois Lowry

He hunched his shoulders and tried to make himself smaller in the seat. He wanted to disappear, to fade away, not to exist.

~Lois Lowry

Of course they needed to care. It was the meaning of everything.

~Lois Lowry

Even trained for years as they all had been in precision of language, what words could you use which would give another the experience of sunshine?

~Lois Lowry

Making lists of reasons was sometimes a good way to figure things out.

~Lois Lowry

I knew that there had been times in the past-terrible times-when people had destroyed others in haste,in fear, and had brought about their own destruction

~Lois Lowry

I see all of them. All the colors.

~Lois Lowry

They were satisfied with their lives which had none of the vibrance his own was taking on. And he was angry at himself, that he could not change that for them.

~Lois Lowry

I feel sorry for anyone who is in a place where he feels strange and stupid.

~Lois Lowry

Reading is the most important way to prepare for life.

~Lois Lowry

Today is declared an unscheduled holiday.

~Lois Lowry

Writing is hard work, and fun, and requires you to keep your backside in a chair when you would sometimes like to put it elsewhere. So the only wisdom is the advice to keep at it, I guess.

~Lois Lowry

The community of the Giver had achieved at such great price. A community without danger or pain. But also, a community without music, color or art. And books.

~Lois Lowry

It's hard to give up the being together with someone.

~Lois Lowry

I left home at the correct time but when I was riding along near the hatchery, the crew was separating some salmon, I guess I just got distraught, watching them.

~Lois Lowry

So actually, there could be parents-of-the-parents-of-the-parents-of-the parents?

~Lois Lowry

I think I've written 40 books, and none of them have been heavy on action. I'm an introspective person.

~Lois Lowry

'Gathering Blue' was a separate book. I wanted to explore what a society might become after a catastrophic world event. Only at the end did I realize I could make it connect to 'The Giver'.

~Lois Lowry

I don't know what she is now. A stranger, mostly. It's as if she has become a part of a different world, one that doesn't include me anymore.

~Lois Lowry

Ellen had said that her mother was afraid of the ocean, that it was too cold and too big. The sky was, too, thought Annemarie. The whole world was: too cold, too big. And too cruel.

~Lois Lowry

I don't know what you mean when you say 'the whole world' or 'generations before him.' I thought there was only us. I thought there was only now.

~Lois Lowry

And it was lonely, to yearn, all alone.

~Lois Lowry

He was free to enjoy the breathless glee that overwhelmed him: the speed, the clear cold air, the total silence, the feeling of balance and excitement and peace.

~Lois Lowry

You eat canned tuna fish and you absorb protein. Then, if you're lucky, someone give you Dover Sole and you experience nourishment. It's the

same with books.

~Lois Lowry

It was almost December, and Jonas was beginning to be frightened.

~Lois Lowry

That's why they call you Seer. You see more than most.

~Lois Lowry

For a contributing citizen to be released from the community was a final decision, a terrible punishment, an overwhelming statement of failure.

~Lois Lowry

I think 'The Giver' is such a moral book, so filled with important truths, that I couldn't believe anyone would want to suppress it, to keep it from kids.

~Lois Lowry

It's a funny thing about names, how they become a part of someone.

~Lois Lowry

Think only on the climb. Think on what you control

~Lois Lowry

I turn to books for a feeling of companionship: for somebody knowing what I have known.

~Lois Lowry

It is so good to have friends who understand how there is a time for crying and a time for laughing, and that sometimes the two are very close together.

~Lois Lowry

But there's a whole world waiting, still, and there are good things in it.



~Lois Lowry

Things seem more when you're little. They seem bigger, and distances seem farther.

~Lois Lowry

It's just that... without the memories it's all meaningless.

~Lois Lowry

People do things that turn out badly, often for the most benevolent of reasons.

~Lois Lowry

I'm not terribly conversant with children's literature in general. I tend to read books for adults, being an adult.

~Lois Lowry

Then I went home to continue my life, which had changed a little, as lives do every day, inching by microspecks forward toward whatever surprises are coming next.

~Lois Lowry

There was just a moment when things weren't quite the same, weren't quite as they had always been through the long friendship

~Lois Lowry

Teasing's part of the fun that comes before kissing

~Lois Lowry

Once she read a book but found it distasteful because it contained adjectives.

~Lois Lowry

You will fail. Then they will kill you." - Vandara to Kira, following Kira's

trial.

~Lois Lowry

I think of every book as a single entity, and some have later gone on to become a series, often at the request of readers.

~Lois Lowry

There will always be a place for bunnies to talk in rhyme, but that's not what I do.

~Lois Lowry

I have learned over the course of my many years that it is a bad idea, usually, to investigate piteous weeping but always a fine thing to look into a giggle.

~Lois Lowry

If everyting's the same, then there aren't any choices! I want to wake up in the morning and decide things!" (Jonas) "It's the choosing that's imortant, isn't it?" The Giver asked him.

~Lois Lowry

It be better, I think, to climb out in search of something, instead of hating, what you're leaving.

~Lois Lowry

The fact that I lost my son permeates my being.

~Lois Lowry

And they are beginning to realize that the world they live in is a place where the right thing is often hard, sometimes dangerous, and frequently unpopular.

~Lois Lowry

What if they were allowed to choose their own mate? And chose

wrong?

~Lois Lowry

So many of my books, I don't want to say they have messages, but they have important things to say.

~Lois Lowry

Genius disregards the boundaries of propriety. Genius is permitted to shout if shouting is productive.

~Lois Lowry

Mama was crying, and the rain made it seem as if the whole world was crying.

~Lois Lowry

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