

# Lorraine Hansberry

## Quotes

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A woman who is willing to be herself and pursue her own potential runs not so much the risk of loneliness, as the challenge of exposure to more interesting men - and people in general.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Though it be a thrilling and marvellous thing to be merely young and gifted in such times, it is doubly so - doubly dynamic - to be young, gifted and black.

~Lorraine Hansberry

One cannot live with sighted eyes and feeling heart and not know and read of the miseries which affect the world.

~Lorraine Hansberry

The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which must also make you lonely.

~Lorraine Hansberry

There is always something left to love. And if you haven't learned that, you ain't learned nothing.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Never be afraid to sit a while and think.

~Lorraine Hansberry

I care. I care about it all. It takes too much energy not to care.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Do I remain a revolutionary? Intellectually -- without a doubt. But am I prepared to give my body to the struggle or even my comforts? This is what I puzzle about.

~Lorraine Hansberry

This is one of the glories of man, the inventiveness of the human mind

and the human spirit: whenever life doesn't seem to give an answer, we create one.

~Lorraine Hansberry

The grim possibility is that she who 'hides her brains' will, more than likely, end up with a mate who is only equal to a woman with 'hidden brains' or none at all.

~Lorraine Hansberry

I think that the human race does command its own destiny and that that destiny can eventually embrace the stars.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Seems like God don't see fit to give the black man nothing but dreams - but He did give us children to make them dreams seem worthwhile.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Sometimes, I can see the future stretched out in front of me - just as plain as day. The future hanging over there at the edge of my days. Just waiting for me.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Beneatha: You didn't tell us what Alaiyo means... for all I know, you might be calling me Little Idiot or something... ... Asagai: It means... it means One for Whom Bread--Food--Is Not Enough.

~Lorraine Hansberry

I look at you and I see the final triumph of stupidity in the world!

~Lorraine Hansberry

I was born black and female.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Ah, I like the look of packing crates! A household in preparation for a

journey! ... Something full of the flow of life, do you understand?  
Movement, progress...

~Lorraine Hansberry

Mama - Mama - I want so many things... I want so many things that they are driving me kind of crazy.

~Lorraine Hansberry

[T]here is only one large circle that we march in, around and around, each of us with our own little picture -- in front of us -- our own little mirage that we think is the future.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Children see things very well sometimes and idealists even better.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Obviously the most oppressed of any oppressed group will be its women

~Lorraine Hansberry

I want to fly! I want to touch the sun!" "Finish your eggs first.

~Lorraine Hansberry

That's what being eccentric means--being natural.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Take away the violence and who will hear the man of peace?

~Lorraine Hansberry

Our Southside is a place apart: each piece of our living is a protest.

~Lorraine Hansberry

I wish to live because life has within it that which is good, that which is beautiful, and that which is love.

~Lorraine Hansberry

It is difficult for the American mind to adjust to the realization that the Rhett's and the Scarlett's were as much monsters as the keepers of Buchenwald-they just dressed more attractively.

~Lorraine Hansberry

When a man knows that the abstraction ten exists - nothing on earth can stop him from looking for the fact of eleven.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Everybody talking 'bout heaven ain't going there!

~Lorraine Hansberry

Ball points belong to their age. They make everyone write alike.

~Lorraine Hansberry

Once upon a time freedom used to be life-now it's money. I guess the world really do change.

~Lorraine Hansberry

It's dangerous, son.' 'What's dangerous?' 'When a man goes outside his house to look for peace.

~Lorraine Hansberry

American straightforwardness is almost as disarming as Americans invariably think it is.

~Lorraine Hansberry

One for whom bread- food- is not enough.

~Lorraine Hansberry

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