

Mario Puzo

Quotes

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The strength of a family, like the strength of an army, lies in its loyalty to each other.

~Mario Puzo

A lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a hundred men with guns.

~Mario Puzo

What is past is past. never go back. Not for excuses. Not for justification, not for happiness. You are what you are, the world is what it is.

~Mario Puzo

A friend should always underestimate your virtues and an enemy overestimate your faults

~Mario Puzo

Friendship and money: oil and water.

~Mario Puzo

Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment.

~Mario Puzo

I don't trust society to protect us, I have no intention of placing my fate in the hands of men whose only qualification is that they managed to con a block of people to vote for them.

~Mario Puzo

Many young men started down a false path to their true destiny. Time and fortune usually set them aright.

~Mario Puzo

Great men are not born great, they grow great . . .

~Mario Puzo

What we think of as our sensitivity is only the higher evolution of terror in a poor dumb beast. We suffer for nothing. Our own death wish is our only real tragedy.

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The only wealth in this world is children, more than all the money, power on earth.

~Mario Puzo

Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer.

~Mario Puzo

Finance is a gun. Politics is knowing when to pull the trigger.

~Mario Puzo

There are things that have to be done and you do them and you don't talk about them. You don't try to justify them. They can't be justified. You just do them. Then you forget them.

~Mario Puzo

In Sicily, women are more dangerous than shotguns.

~Mario Puzo

Behind every successful fortune; There is Crime.

~Mario Puzo

Friendship is everything. Friendship is more than talent. It is more than the government. It is almost the equal of family.- Don Corleone

~Mario Puzo

Gambling is not as destructive as war or as boring as pornography. It is

not as immoral as business or as suicidal as watching television. And the percentages are better than religion.

~Mario Puzo

Accidents don't happen to people who take accidents as a personal insult.

~Mario Puzo

I have always believed helping your fellow man is profitable in every sense, personally and bottom line.

~Mario Puzo

You cannot say 'no' to the people you love, not often. That's the secret. And then when you do, it has to sound like a 'yes'. Or you have to make them say 'no.' You have to take time and trouble.

~Mario Puzo

A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man.

~Mario Puzo

Never get angry. Never make a threat. Reason with people.

~Mario Puzo

Even the strongest man needs friends.

~Mario Puzo

there was no greater natural advantage in life than having an enemy overestimate your faults, unless it was to have a friend underestimate your virtues.

~Mario Puzo

I'll make him an offer he can't refuse.

~Mario Puzo

If anything in this life is certain...if history has taught us anything, it's that you can kill anyone.

~Mario Puzo

Oh, what a wicked world it is that drives a man to sin.

~Mario Puzo

Like many businessmen of genius he learned that free competition was wasteful, monopoly efficient. And so he simply set about achieving that efficient monopoly.

~Mario Puzo

Italians have a little joke, that the world is so hard a man must have two fathers to look after him, and that's why they have godfathers.

~Mario Puzo

We don't know if capital punishment is a deterrent, but we know that men we execute will not murder again.

~Mario Puzo

Revenge is a dish that tastes best when served cold.

~Mario Puzo

Not having to worry about money is almost like not having to worry about dying.

~Mario Puzo

I spent my whole life trying not to be careless. Women and children can afford to be careless, but not men.

~Mario Puzo

Actions defined a man; words were a fart in the wind

~Mario Puzo

Yet, he thought, if I can die saying, "Life is so beautiful," then nothing else is important. If i can believe in myself that much, nothing else matters.

~Mario Puzo

Never let a domestic quarrel ruin a day's writing. If you can't start the day fresh, get rid of your wife.

~Mario Puzo

Life is like a box of Hand grenades, You never know what will blow you to kingdom come

~Mario Puzo

Tell my father I wish to be his son.

~Mario Puzo

Why should I be afraid now? Strange men have come to kill me ever since I was twelve years old.

~Mario Puzo

Power wears out those who do not have it.

~Mario Puzo

It's just business nothing personal.

~Mario Puzo

I like to drink wine more than I used to. Anyway, I'm drinking more.

~Mario Puzo

Time erodes gratitude more quickly than it does beauty!

~Mario Puzo

God seemed to be having a hard time killing him, and he'd be damned if he was going to make the job easy for mere mortals

~Mario Puzo

It was not perhaps the warmest friendship in the world, they would not send each other Christmas gift greetings, but they would not murder each other.

~Mario Puzo

Fredo, you're my older brother and I love you. But don't ever take sides against the Family again. Ever.

~Mario Puzo

We are all honorable men here, we don 't have to give each other assurances as if we were lawyers.

~Mario Puzo

Let us be separated by wars and pestilence, death, madness but not by the passing of time.

~Mario Puzo

The fact of the matter is that I wanted to hold a grudge in some funny kind of way. Against everybody.

~Mario Puzo

I believe in America. America's made my fortune.

~Mario Puzo

•An offer you can't refuse.

~Mario Puzo

It can be argued that man's instinct to gamble is the only reason he is still not a monkey up in the trees.

~Mario Puzo

Some honorable men spend their whole life preparing for a supreme

act of treachery

~Mario Puzo

And in that fraction of a second before anything actually happened, Santino Corleone knew he was a dead man.

~Mario Puzo

Leave the gun. Take the cannoli.

~Mario Puzo

I want to tell you a story. I have no other vanity.

~Mario Puzo

All gamblers are paranoid, though they call it superstition.

~Mario Puzo

Do you believe a man can truly love a woman and constantly betray her? Never mind physically but betray her in his mind, in the very "poetry of his soul". Well, it's not easy but men do it all the time.

~Mario Puzo

Falling in love is great but being in love is a disaster

~Mario Puzo

It was from this experience came his oft-repeated belief that every man has but one destiny.

~Mario Puzo

"But you're the toughest son of a b!&# i've ever seen. You never let anybody get near you. You never let anybody know what you really think.

~Mario Puzo

Every family has bad memories.

~Mario Puzo

I will make you an offer you cannot refuse

~Mario Puzo

I find the only thing that really stands up, better than gambling, better than booze, better than women, is reading.

~Mario Puzo

Michael could never remember his father ever having uttered a word about death, as if the Don respected death too much to philosophize about it.

~Mario Puzo

It was a lie but he believed in telling lies to people. Truth telling and medicine just didn't go together except in dire emergencies, if then.

~Mario Puzo

No, that's not possible," Michael said. "Killed, yes; jail, no.

~Mario Puzo

You can't hide the thunderbolt. When it hits you, everybody can see it. Christ, man, don't be ashamed of it, some men pray for the thunderbolt. You're a very lucky fellow. - Calo

~Mario Puzo

Power isn't everything ...its the only thing.

~Mario Puzo

Any man can turn traitor.

~Mario Puzo

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