

# Markus Zusak

## Quotes

*Book, Writing, Thinking, Heart, Eye, People, Men, Girl, Color, Hands, Boys, Sky,  
Want, Years, Kissing, Night, Children, Dark, Running, Fall*

A snowball in the face is surely the perfect beginning to a lasting friendship.

~Markus Zusak

â€¦ it was raining on Himmel Street when the world ended for Liesel Meminger. The sky was dripping. Like a tap that a child has tried its hardest to turn off but hasn't quite managed.

~Markus Zusak

Imagine smiling after a slap in the face. Then think of doing it twenty-four hours a day.

~Markus Zusak

Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness.

~Markus Zusak

Sometimes people are beautiful. Not in looks. Not in what they say. Just in what they are.

~Markus Zusak

I have to say that although it broke my heart, I was, and still am, glad I was there.

~Markus Zusak

Please, trust me, I most definitely can be cheerful. I can be amiable. Agreeable. Affable. And that's only the A's. Just don't ask me to be nice. Nice has nothing to do with me.

~Markus Zusak

I guess that's the beauty of books. When they finish they don't really finish.

~Markus Zusak

Sometimes I just survive. But sometimes I stand on the rooftop of my

existence, arms stretched out, begging for more.

~Markus Zusak

If only she could be so oblivious again, to feel such love without knowing it, mistaking it for laughter.

~Markus Zusak

Often I wish this would all be over, Liesel, but then somehow you do something like walk down the basement steps with a snowman in your hands.

~Markus Zusak

I have hated words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right.

~Markus Zusak

Liesel's blood had dried inside of her. It crumbled. She almost broke into pieces on the steps.

~Markus Zusak

I guess humans like to watch a little destruction. Sand castles, houses of cards, that's where they begin. Their great skill is their capacity to escalate.

~Markus Zusak

No matter how many times she was told that she was loved, there was no recognition that the proof was in the abandonment.

~Markus Zusak

It was the beginning of the greatest Christmas ever. Little food. No presents. But there was a snowman in their basement.

~Markus Zusak

The night is alive with stars, and when I lie down and look up, I get lost

up there. I feel like I'm falling, but upward, into the abyss of sky above me.

~Markus Zusak

The conversation of bullets.

~Markus Zusak

Humans have a talent for escalation. -Death

~Markus Zusak

If you can't imagine it, think clumsy silence. Think bits and pieces of floating despair. And drowning in a train.

~Markus Zusak

Goodbye, Papa, you saved me. You taught me to read. No one can play like you. I'll never drink champagne. No one can play like you."  
-Liesel

~Markus Zusak

As always, one of her books was next to her.

~Markus Zusak

Maybe everyone can live beyond what they're capable of.

~Markus Zusak

Not a beauty queen. Not one of those. You know the ones. She was real.

~Markus Zusak

Liesel observed the strangeness of her foster father's eyes. They were made of kindness, and silver.

~Markus Zusak

The best word shakers were the ones who understood the true power

of words. They were the ones who could climb the highest.

~Markus Zusak

Winning wasn't natural for me. It had to be fought for, in the echoes and trodden footprints of my mind.

~Markus Zusak

I'd rather chase the sun than wait for it.

~Markus Zusak

Even death has a heart.

~Markus Zusak

One was a book thief. The other stole the sky.

~Markus Zusak

Believe it or not--it takes a lot of love to hate you like this.

~Markus Zusak

There were people everywhere on the city street, but the stranger could not have been more alone if it were empty.

~Markus Zusak

She could smell the pages. She could almost taste the words as they stacked up around her.

~Markus Zusak

She wanted none of those days to end, and it was always with disappointment that she watched the darkness stride forward.

~Markus Zusak

That was when the world wasn't so big and I could see everywhere. It was when my father was a hero and not a human.

~Markus Zusak

Sometimes you read a book so special that you want to carry it around with you for months after you've finished just to stay near it.

~Markus Zusak

Maybe one morning I'll wake up and step outside of myself to look back at the old me lying dead among the sheets.

~Markus Zusak

You can do all manner of underhanded nice things when you have a caustic reputation.

~Markus Zusak

I want words at my funeral. But I guess that means you need life in your life.

~Markus Zusak

They'd been standing like that for thirty seconds of forever.

~Markus Zusak

A DEFINITION NOT FOUND IN THE DICTIONARY Not leaving: an act of trust and love, often deciphered by children

~Markus Zusak

You're far from this. This story is just another few hundred pages of your mind.

~Markus Zusak

Even now, I wonder how much of my life is convinced.

~Markus Zusak

You don't always get what you wish for. Especially in Nazi Germany

~Markus Zusak

When she came to write her story, she would wonder when the books

and the words started to mean not just something, but everything.

~Markus Zusak

It was a Monday and they walked on a tightrope to the sun.

~Markus Zusak

Together, they would watch everything that was so carefully planned collapse, and they would smile at the beauty of destruction.

~Markus Zusak

The water crumbles on it's way down as my hands and feet push me forward. The world is lightening, taking shape, and turning to color. It feels like it's being painted around me.

~Markus Zusak

My voice is like a rumour. I'm not sure if it came out or not, or if it is true.

~Markus Zusak

... And the boy whose hair remained the color of lemons forever.

~Markus Zusak

What do you want to kiss me for? I'm filthy.'- Liesel So am I.'- Rudy

~Markus Zusak

She was a Jew feeder without a question in the world on that man's first night in Molching. She was an arm reacher, deep into a mattress, to deliver a sketchbook to a teenage girl. (84.25)

~Markus Zusak

The Germans in basements were pitiable, surely, but at least they had a chance. That basement was not a washroom. They were not sent there for a shower. For those people, life was still achievable.

~Markus Zusak

The only thing worse than a boy who hates you: a boy that loves you.

~Markus Zusak

...to swear with a ferocity that can only be described as a talent.

~Markus Zusak

It's not a big thing, but I guess it's true--big things are often just small things that are noticed.

~Markus Zusak

There are moments when you can only stand and stare, watching the world forget you as you remove yourself from it - when you overcome it and cease to exist as the person you were.

~Markus Zusak

I traveled the globe as always, handing souls to the conveyor belt of eternity.

~Markus Zusak

The question is what color will everything be at that moment when I come for you? What will the sky be saying?

~Markus Zusak

I like to tell students, 'I didn't burst on to the literary scene.' I'm never good at things at the beginning. I was terrible at the start. I need to work and work.

~Markus Zusak

The point is, it didn't really matter what the book was about. It was what it meant that was important.

~Markus Zusak

When I was a teenager I decided I was going to be a writer and that nothing was going to stop me. It sounds almost villainous. But I knew



that was what I wanted.

~Markus Zusak

I am constantly overestimating and underestimating the human race - that rarely do I ever simply estimate it.

~Markus Zusak

I look at her wish we could go inside and make love on the couch. Dive inside each other. Take each other. Make each other. Nothing happens, though.

~Markus Zusak

Very suddenly. Yes, quite suddenly, I didn't feel like I could handle my feeling of aloneness.

~Markus Zusak

So much good, so much evil. Just add water.

~Markus Zusak

I am hunted by humans.

~Markus Zusak

Sometimes I think my papa is an accordion. When he looks at me and smiles and breathes, I hear the notes.

~Markus Zusak

He does something to me, that boy. Every time. It's his only detriment. He steps on my heart. He makes me cry.

~Markus Zusak

Just be patient, she told herself, and with the mounting pages, the strength of her writing fist grew.

~Markus Zusak

She took a step and didn't want to take any more, but she did.

~Markus Zusak

It amazes me what humans can do, even when streams are flowing down their faces and they stagger on, coughing and searching, and finding.

~Markus Zusak

...there would be punishment and pain, and there would be happiness, too. That was writing.

~Markus Zusak

...one opportunity leads directly to another, just as risk leads to more risk, life to more life, and death to more death.

~Markus Zusak

I had to decide what I was going to do, and what I was going to be. I was standing there, waiting for someone to do something, till I realised the person I was waiting for was myself.

~Markus Zusak

How do you tell if something's alive? You check for breathing.

~Markus Zusak

A fighter can be a winner, but that doesn't make a winner a fighter.

~Markus Zusak

It is early, early morning. It's that time when it's still dark but you know the day is coming. Blue is bleeding through black. Stars are dying.

~Markus Zusak

He killed himself for wanting to live.

~Markus Zusak

It's funny, don't you think, how time seems to do a lot of things? It flies, it tells, and worst of all, it runs out.

~Markus Zusak

Yes, I know it. In the darkness of my dark beating heart, I know. He'd have loved it alright. You see? Even Death Has A Heart.

~Markus Zusak

I think 'The Lord Of The Rings' is the mother of all cult books, because you can be in that cult and not even know you're in it.

~Markus Zusak

Mystery bores me. It chores me. I know what happens and so do you. It's the machinations that wheel us there that aggravate, perplex, interest, and astound me.

~Markus Zusak

One day, Liesel.' he said, 'you'll be dying to kiss me.

~Markus Zusak

It's about glowing lights and small things that are big.

~Markus Zusak

Rosa Hubermann was sitting on the edge of the bed with her husband's accordion tied to her chest. Her fingers hovered above the keys. She did not move. She didn't ever appear to be breathing.

~Markus Zusak

I can promise you that the world is a factory. The sun stirs it, the humans rule it. And I remain. I carry them away.- spoken by death

~Markus Zusak

Ed?" Ritchie says later. We're still standing in the water. "There's only one thing I want." "What's that, Ritchie?" His answer is simple. "To

want.

~Markus Zusak

Soon evening worked its way into the sky, and the city hunched itself down.

~Markus Zusak

I s'pose, I can't have it all my own way, can I? You can't drown in a person unless they let you.

~Markus Zusak

To me the question is always this: if a ray of light came out of the sky and said, "Your next book will never be published - would you still write it?" If the answer is yes, the book is worth writing.

~Markus Zusak

Have faith, Ed, all right?' I search the coffee mug, but there's none in there.

~Markus Zusak

You should know it yourself- a young man is still a boy, and a boy sometimes has the right to be stubborn.

~Markus Zusak

Somewhere, far down, there was an itch in his heart, but he made it a point not to scratch it. He was afraid of what might come leaking out.

~Markus Zusak

How about a kiss, Saumensch?

~Markus Zusak

But for now, happiness throws stones. It guards itself. I wait.

~Markus Zusak

Everything was good. But it was awful, too.

~Markus Zusak

Do we spend most of our days trying to remember or to forget? Do we spend most of our time running towards or away from our lives?

~Markus Zusak

Even enemies were an inch away from friendship.

~Markus Zusak

The consequence of this is that I'm always finding humans at their best and worst. I see their ugly and their beauty, and I wonder how the same thing can be both.

~Markus Zusak

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