

Michael Chabon

Quotes

*Writing, Book, Men, Heart, Thinking, World, Ideas, Baseball, Long, Lying,
Character, People, Children, Kids, Trying, Broken, Fire, Light, Mistake, Powerful*

The First Amendment has the same role in my life as a citizen and a writer as the sun has in our ecosystem.

~Michael Chabon

Forget about what you are escaping from. Reserve your anxiety for what you are escaping to.

~Michael Chabon

The things I keep going back to, rereading, maybe they say more about me as a reader than about the books. *Love in the Time of Cholera*, *Pale Fire*.

~Michael Chabon

Undressing her was an act of recklessness, a kind of vandalism, like releasing a zoo full of animals, or blowing up a dam.

~Michael Chabon

A delicate, inexorable lattice of inferences began to assemble themselves, like a crystal, in the old man's mind, shivering, catching the light in glints and surmises.

~Michael Chabon

Take care-there is no force more powerful than that of an unbridled imagination.

~Michael Chabon

Man makes plans . . . and God laughs.

~Michael Chabon

My Saturday Night. My Saturday night is like a microwave burrito. Very tough to ruin something that starts out so bad to begin with.

~Michael Chabon

Anything good that I have written has, at some point during its

composition, left me feeling uneasy and afraid. It has seemed, for a moment at least, to put me at risk.

~Michael Chabon

It's always been hard for me to tell the difference between denial and what used to be known as hope.

~Michael Chabon

I said, "I need to hear something that's going to save my life." Re: Selecting songs from a jukebox.

~Michael Chabon

Never say love is "like" anything... It isn't.

~Michael Chabon

For me, nostalgia is an involuntary emotion. ... I think it's just a natural human response to loss.

~Michael Chabon

Poor little librarians of the world, those girls, secretly lovely, their looks marred forever by the cruelty of a pair of big dark eyeglasses!

~Michael Chabon

So it was scary, but that's how it goes. To my great delight, I discovered that it did all belong.

~Michael Chabon

Jerome Charyn is one of the most important writers in American literature and one of only three now writing whose work makes me truly happy to be a reader.

~Michael Chabon

The devolution of American culture takes another great step forward

~Michael Chabon

Love is like falconry," he said. "Don't you think that's true, Cleveland?"
"Never say love is like anything." said Cleveland. "It isn't.

~Michael Chabon

When I finish a first draft, it's always just as much of a mess as it's always been. I still make the same mistakes every time.

~Michael Chabon

Not only would I never want to belong to any club that would have me for a member--if elected I would wear street shoes onto the squash court and set fire to the ballroom curtains.

~Michael Chabon

I don't mean to make a big deal out of sobriety, by the way. Of all the modes of human consciousness available to the modern consumer I consider it to be the most overrated.

~Michael Chabon

With patience and calm, persistence and stoicism, good handwriting and careful labeling, they would meet persecution, indignity, and hardship head-on.

~Michael Chabon

Louis Pasteur said, 'Chance favors the prepared mind.' If you're really engaged in the writing, you'll work yourself out of whatever jam you find yourself in.

~Michael Chabon

I wanted to give readers the feeling of knowing the characters, a mental image.

~Michael Chabon

Nothing is boring except to people who aren't really paying attention.

~Michael Chabon

I have a deadline. I'm glad. I think that will help me get it done.

~Michael Chabon

See you in the funny papers," he said. Jaunty, he reminded himself; always jaunty. In my panache is their hope for salvation.

~Michael Chabon

I was thinking, too, of Superman and his fortress of solitude.

~Michael Chabon

They lay there for a few seconds, in the dark, in the future, listening to the fabulous clockwork of their hearts and lungs, and loving each other

~Michael Chabon

It is always so simple, and so complicating, to accept an apology.

~Michael Chabon

I took comfort, as a kid, in knowing that things had always been as awful and as wonderful as they were now, that the world was always on the edge of total destruction.

~Michael Chabon

All novels are sequels; influence is bliss.

~Michael Chabon

He comes to this other world and he has to reinvent himself. Again, it felt natural, even though I'd been working really hard trying to come up with something.

~Michael Chabon

If children are not permitted-not taught-to be adventurers and explorers as children, what will become of the world...?

~Michael Chabon

The true magic of this broken world lay in the ability of the things it contained to vanish, to become so thoroughly lost, that they might never have existed in the first place.

~Michael Chabon

Entertainment is a sacred pursuit when done well. When done well, it raises the quality of human life.

~Michael Chabon

I have a good memory for words, and when I come upon a word I don't know, I remember it, or try to - it's almost like a tic.

~Michael Chabon

I thought, I fancied, that in a moment, I would be standing on nothing at all, and for the first time in my life, I needed the wings none of us has.

~Michael Chabon

. . .I really ought to have recognized it for what it was and, perhaps, to have stopped right there - for it was nostalgia, and what inspires nostalgia has been dead a long time

~Michael Chabon

But the first lie in the series is the one you make with the greatest trepidation and the heaviest heart.

~Michael Chabon

The whole house seemed to exhale a melancholy breath of emptiness

~Michael Chabon

Every generation loses the Messiah it has failed to deserve.

~Michael Chabon

A hope fulfilled is already half a disappointment.

~Michael Chabon

When some drunken fool asked if she was a lesbian, she would say, 'In everything but sexual preference.

~Michael Chabon

Drunk, Jane spoke as though she were Nancy Drew. I was a fool for a girl with a dainty lexicon.

~Michael Chabon

... and because it was a drunken perception, it was perfect, entire, and lasted about half a second.

~Michael Chabon

My heart was simultaneously broken and filled with lust, I was exhausted, and I loved every minute of it. It was strange and elating to find myself for once the weaker.

~Michael Chabon

He is by nature a vegetarian but would never consider giving up meat.

~Michael Chabon

He looked so profoundly disappointed in me that I wondered for a moment if he was someone I knew.

~Michael Chabon

We have the idea that our hearts, once broken, scar over with an indestructible tissue that prevents their ever breaking again in quite the same place.

~Michael Chabon

As long as she was falling in love with me, I might as well start making her promises I didn't intend to keep.

~Michael Chabon

The handy thing about being a father is that the historic standard is so

pitifully low.

~Michael Chabon

What's going to be hard for me is to try to divorce myself as much as possible from what I wrote. I'll have to approach it simply as raw material and try to craft a film script out of it.

~Michael Chabon

The rest of Sitka's homicides are so-called crimes of passion, which is a shorthand way of expressing the mathematical product of alcohol and firearms.

~Michael Chabon

Miracles prove nothing except to those whose faith is bought very cheap, sir.

~Michael Chabon

That's the best thing about writing, when you're in that zone, you're porous, ready to absorb the solution.

~Michael Chabon

People keep saying, 'Oh, you're getting all these great reviews, that must make you really happy.' I guess it does, but mostly it's just a relief.

~Michael Chabon

He was a fugitive, lurking soul, James Leer. He didn't belong anywhere, but things went much better for him in places where nobody belonged.

~Michael Chabon

Most science fiction seemed to be written for people who already liked science fiction; I wanted to write stories for anyone, anywhere, living at any time in the history of the world.

~Michael Chabon

His dreams had always been Houdiniesque: they were the dreams of a pupa struggling in its blind cocoon, mad for a taste of light and air.

~Michael Chabon

The fundamental truth: a baseball game is nothing but a great slow contraption for getting you to pay attention to the cadence of a summer day.

~Michael Chabon

Writers, unlike most people, tell their best lies when they are alone.

~Michael Chabon

A true storyteller is really good at writing himself into a corner and then finding a way out of that corner

~Michael Chabon

The world like our heads was meant to be escaped from, they are prisons world and head alike.

~Michael Chabon

The instructor, Ms. Pease, also taught in the church's religious school, and she had a Sunday school manner at once saccharine and condemnatory.

~Michael Chabon

Childhood is a branch of cartography.

~Michael Chabon

Every time another review comes out I let out a deep breath.

~Michael Chabon

I love Richard Yates, his work, and the novel, Revolutionary Road. It's a devastating novel.

~Michael Chabon

[Comics] were viewed as the literary equivalent of bubblegum cards, meant to be poked into the spokes of a young mind where they would produce a satisfying but entirely bogus rumble of pleasure.

~Michael Chabon

The truth of some promises is not as important as whether or not you can believe in them, with all your heart.

~Michael Chabon

I can imagine anything except having no imagination.

~Michael Chabon

And then the man reminded Max, with a serious but suave and practiced air, that freedom was a debt that could be repaid only by purchasing the freedom of others.

~Michael Chabon

Do what you gotta do and stay fly

~Michael Chabon

There's nothing more embarrassing than to have earned the disfavor of a perceptive animal.

~Michael Chabon

A father is a man who fails every day.

~Michael Chabon

Some things that are invisible and untouchable can nevertheless be seen and felt.

~Michael Chabon

In the immemorial style of young men under pressure, they decided to lie down for a while and waste time.

~Michael Chabon

That's why school was invented - to give your parents some peace and quiet during the day.

~Michael Chabon

I don't do a lot of foisting, because when it comes to books I don't really like to be foisted upon.

~Michael Chabon

When I'm writing solitude feels very good. But when I'm not writing it feels lonely... Having a big family solves that problem.

~Michael Chabon

[While writing], I'll go anywhere I find that is quiet, has no internet. I have a big internet problem.

~Michael Chabon

He had no idea of how long his life would one day seem to have gone on; how daily present the absence of love would come to feel. "Just watch me," he said.

~Michael Chabon

It was nice standing out in the darkness, in the damp grass, with spring coming on and a feeling in my heart of imminent disaster.

~Michael Chabon

Every golden age is as much a matter of disregard as of felicity.

~Michael Chabon

Only love could pick a nested pair of steel Bramah locks.

~Michael Chabon

Every Messiah fails, the moment he tries to redeem himself.

~Michael Chabon

No; he could be ruined again and again by hope, but he would never be capable of belief.

~Michael Chabon

... But he believed that every great love was in some measure a terrible mistake.

~Michael Chabon

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