

# Michael Crichton

## Quotes

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Welcome...to Jurassic Park!

~Michael Crichton

Whenever you hear the consensus of scientists agrees on something or other, reach for your wallet, because you're being had.

~Michael Crichton

Let's be clear. The planet is not in jeopardy. We are in jeopardy. We haven't got the power to destroy the planet - or to save it. But we might have the power to save ourselves.

~Michael Crichton

The extreme positions of the Crossfire Syndrome require extreme simplification - framing the debate in terms which ignore the real issues.

~Michael Crichton

Books aren't written - they're rewritten. Including your own. It is one of the hardest things to accept, especially after the seventh rewrite hasn't quite done it.

~Michael Crichton

You think you can destroy the planet? What intoxicating vanity. . . . .  
We've been residents here for the blink of an eye. If we're gone tomorrow, the earth will not miss us.

~Michael Crichton

Life is wonderful. It's a gift to be alive, to see the sun and breathe the air. And there isn't really anything else.

~Michael Crichton

It's better to die laughing than to live each moment in fear.

~Michael Crichton

Do you know what we call opinion in the absence of evidence? We call it prejudice.

~Michael Crichton

Social control is best managed through fear.

~Michael Crichton

Harassment is about power---the undue exercise of power by a superior over a subordinate.

~Michael Crichton

Because the history of evolution is that life escapes all barriers. Life breaks free. Life expands to new territories. Painfully, perhaps even dangerously. But life finds a way.

~Michael Crichton

Keep working. Don't wait for inspiration. Work inspires inspiration. Keep working.

~Michael Crichton

I am certain there is too much certainty in the world.

~Michael Crichton

The characteristic human trait is not awareness but conformity, and the characteristic result is religious warfare.

~Michael Crichton

The doctor is not a miracle worker who can magically save us but, rather, an expert adviser who can assist us in our own recovery.

~Michael Crichton

Safety is the last refuge of the scoundrel!

~Michael Crichton

Historically, the claim of consensus has been the first refuge of scoundrels; it is a way to avoid debate by claiming that the matter is already settled.

~Michael Crichton

I was raised with the idea that if you're not smart enough to do science you can do politics.

~Michael Crichton

The minute we look, we cease being afraid.

~Michael Crichton

The greatest challenge facing mankind is the challenge of distinguishing reality from fantasy, truth from propaganda.

~Michael Crichton

Working inspires inspiration. Keep working. If you succeed, keep working. If you fail, keep working. If you are interested, keep working. If you are bored, keep working.

~Michael Crichton

A man can see by starlight, if he takes the time.

~Michael Crichton

If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.

~Michael Crichton

The system didn't screw you. The system revealed you.

~Michael Crichton

We all live every day in virtual environments, defined by our ideas.

~Michael Crichton

Most areas of intellectual life have discovered the virtues of speculation, and have embraced them wildly. In academia, speculation is usually dignified as theory.

~Michael Crichton

All your life, other people will try to take your accomplishments away from you. Don't you take it away from yourself.

~Michael Crichton

Science is as corruptible a human activity as any other.

~Michael Crichton

All your life people will tell you things. And most of the time, probably ninety-five percent of the time, what they'll tell you will be wrong.

~Michael Crichton

The planet has survived everything, in its time. It will certainly survive us.

~Michael Crichton

They didn't understand what they were doing. I'm afraid that will be on the tombstone of the human race.

~Michael Crichton

Increasingly, people perceive no difference between the narcissistic self-serving reporters asking questions, and the narcissistic self-serving politicians who evade them.

~Michael Crichton

All human behavior has a reason. All behavior is solving a problem.

~Michael Crichton

I think every writer should have tattooed backwards on his forehead, like ambulance on ambulances, the words 'everybody needs an editor.'

~Michael Crichton

Consensus is invoked only in situations where the science is not solid enough.

~Michael Crichton

Life will find a way.

~Michael Crichton

I tended to faint when I saw accident victims in the emergency ward, during surgery, or while drawing blood.

~Michael Crichton

I operate under the assumption that the mass media will never be accurate. ... It operates with the objective to simplify and exaggerate, which is exactly what Walt Disney told his cartoonists.

~Michael Crichton

You know, at times like this one feels, well, perhaps extinct animals should be left extinct.

~Michael Crichton

Theories are just fantasies. And they change.

~Michael Crichton

In science consensus is irrelevant. What is relevant is reproducible results.

~Michael Crichton

Readers probably haven't heard much about it yet, but they will. Quantum technology turns ordinary reality upside down.

~Michael Crichton

Everyone has a hidden agenda. Except me!

~Michael Crichton

Personally, I don't deal much in theory. I have to deal with the facts. And on the basis of facts, I don't see much difference in the behavior of men and women.

~Michael Crichton

In our modern complex world, fundamentalism is dangerous because of its rigidity and its imperviousness to other ideas.

~Michael Crichton

Like all trial attorneys, he knew the importance of not dressing too well.

~Michael Crichton

Exercise invigorates the body and sharpens the mind.

~Michael Crichton

God created dinosaurs. God destroyed dinosaurs. God created Man. Man destroyed God. Man created dinosaurs. Dinosaurs eat man...Woman inherits the earth.

~Michael Crichton

That's human nature. Nobody does anything until it's too late.

~Michael Crichton

Living systems are never in equilibrium. They are inherently unstable. They may seem stable, but they're not. Everything is moving and changing. In a sense, everything is on the edge of collapse.

~Michael Crichton

You've never heard of Chaos theory? Non-linear equations? Strange attractors? Ms. Sattler, I refuse to believe you're not familiar with the concept of attraction.

~Michael Crichton

Without question, the notion of the doctor as a legitimate fee-for-service entrepreneur, making his fortune from misfortunes of his patients, is old-fashioned, distasteful, and doomed.

~Michael Crichton

Nobody is driven by abstractions like 'seeking truth.

~Michael Crichton

You are the reason why he exists on this earth. You don't have the right to abandon him just because he's inconvenient or has trouble in school.

~Michael Crichton

When I get sick, I go to my doctor like everyone else. A doctor has powerful tools that may help me. Or those tools may hurt me, make me worse. I have to decide. It's my life. It's my responsibility.

~Michael Crichton

Extrapolating from the statistical growth of the legal profession, by the year 2035 every single person in the United States will be a lawyer, including newborn infants.

~Michael Crichton

In science, the old men are usually wrong. But in politics, the old men are wise, counsel caution, and in the end are often right.

~Michael Crichton

You can't get decent Mexican food in DC.

~Michael Crichton

Even if you don't believe in God, you still have to believe in something that gives meaning to your life, and shapes your sense of the world. Such a belief is religious.

~Michael Crichton

When you have a strongly held belief, don't you think it's important to express that belief accurately?

~Michael Crichton

Caring is irrelevant. Desire to do good is irrelevant. All that counts is knowledge and results

~Michael Crichton

The rules of grammar exist in large part to permit readers and writers to operate from a shared set of expectations.

~Michael Crichton

At the edge of chaos, unexpected outcomes occur. The risk to survival is severe.

~Michael Crichton

I can tell you that second hand smoke is not a health hazard to anyone and never was, and the EPA has always known it.

~Michael Crichton

Good novels are not written, they're rewritten!

~Michael Crichton

Today, one of the most powerful religions in the Western World is environmentalism. Environmentalism seems to be the religion of choice for urban atheists.

~Michael Crichton

The rock, for its part, is not even aware of our existence because we are alive for only a brief instant of its lifespan. To it, we are like flashes in the dark.

~Michael Crichton

Geniuses never pay attention.

~Michael Crichton

Scientific power is like inherited wealth; attained without discipline. You read about what others have done, and you take the next step. You can do it very young. You can make progress very fast.

~Michael Crichton

We cause our diseases. We are directly responsible for any illness that happens to us.

~Michael Crichton

In the information society, nobody thinks. We expect to banish paper, but we actually banish thought.

~Michael Crichton

The nasty little apes that call themselves human beings can do nothing except run and hide.

~Michael Crichton

There is always a cause for fear. The cause may change over time, but the fear is always with us.

~Michael Crichton

You can answer your own question. You already know the answer, if you can just gain access to it.

~Michael Crichton

Friendships are nice. So is competence.

~Michael Crichton

Nobody dares to solve the problems-because the solution might contradict your philosophy, and for most people clinging to beliefs is more important than succeeding in the world.

~Michael Crichton

Science is the business of generating testable hypotheses.

~Michael Crichton

They are focused on whether they can do something. They never think whether they should do something.

~Michael Crichton

In a media-saturated world, persistent hype lends unwarranted credulity to the wildest claims.

~Michael Crichton

To apply general tools to specific problems is to fail.

~Michael Crichton

Increasingly, the mathematics will demand the courage to face its implications.

~Michael Crichton

Nobody wants to feel they're not a rebel.

~Michael Crichton

This fascination with computer models is something I understand very well. Richard Feynmann called it a disease. I fear he is right.

~Michael Crichton

If true computer music were ever written, it would only be listened to by other computers.

~Michael Crichton

No one escapes from life alive.

~Michael Crichton

We need to get environmentalism out of the sphere of religion. We need to stop the mythic fantasies, and we need to stop the doomsday

predictions. We need to start doing hard science instead.

~Michael Crichton

The academic world was marching toward ever more specialized knowledge, expressed in ever more dense jargon.

~Michael Crichton

Science is a kind of glorified tailoring enterprise, a method for taking measurements that describe something ? reality ? that may not be understood at all.

~Michael Crichton

Often I feel I go to some distant region of the world to be reminded of who I really am.

~Michael Crichton

They always say they didn't. I never heard of one who said, 'You know, I deserve this.' Never happens.

~Michael Crichton

Writing a book is a bit like going on location for a movie. You're absent from your life, your family, and your friends. You're psychologically gone, so you might as well be physically gone.

~Michael Crichton

No man is so good as to be free from all evil, nor so bad as to be worth nothing.

~Michael Crichton

The people in Hollywood are fabulously stupid.

~Michael Crichton

When I sit down in front of a Windows machine, I can't write; when I sit down in front of my Mac, I can write. So I only use Macs.

~Michael Crichton

If you gamble long enough, you'll always lose -- the gambler is always ruined.

~Michael Crichton

Power is neither male or female.

~Michael Crichton

One of the most difficult things for a writer in this business to accept is the uncertain fate of one's work.

~Michael Crichton

Environmentalism has already killed somewhere between 10-30 million people since the 1970s.

~Michael Crichton

Men under stress are fools, and fool themselves.

~Michael Crichton

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