

Neal Shusterman

Quotes

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Unwinds didn't go out with a bang-they didn't even go out with a whimper. they went out with the silence of a candle flame pinched between two fingers.

~Neal Shusterman

The Bill of Life was signed, the Unwind Accord went into effect, and the war was over. Everyone was so happy to end the war, no one cared about the consequences

~Neal Shusterman

Fight, flight, and screw up royaly.

~Neal Shusterman

Small victories are bett-er than none.

~Neal Shusterman

I'd rather be partly great than entirely useless.

~Neal Shusterman

Once in a while our school has half days, and the teachers spend the afternoon 'in service,' which I think must be a group therapy for having to deal with us.

~Neal Shusterman

(Why did they call them sneakers if it was so hard to sneak in them?)

~Neal Shusterman

People would cheer throw confetti and then go about breaking the resolutions they had made only moments before.

~Neal Shusterman

It's called loitering, which is like littering with human beings as the trash.

~Neal Shusterman

I think all mothers are alike, regardless of cultural background, when it comes to illogical cleaning.

~Neal Shusterman

Either things happen for a reason, or they happen for no reason at all. Either one's life is a thread in a glorious tapestry or humanity is just a hopelessly tangled knot.

~Neal Shusterman

You'll feel a tingling in your chest," says a surgeon. "It's nothing to worry about.

~Neal Shusterman

When you truly start to care about someone you become vulnerable to all sorts of things.

~Neal Shusterman

No true hero ever believes that they are one.

~Neal Shusterman

When you live a life without questions, you're unprepared for the questions when they come.

~Neal Shusterman

Words don't hurt you." Which is one of the hugest criminal lies perpetrated by adults against children in this world. Because words hurt more than any physical pain.

~Neal Shusterman

How do you judge the brightness of a light when you're the source? A spotlight can never see the shadows it casts.

~Neal Shusterman

It does, Tennyson, because there's a fine line between confidence and

arrogance. There's a fine line between being assertive and being a bully. And you're on the wrong side of both lines.

~Neal Shusterman

Touch is a freaky thing when you're not used to it. It makes you feel all kinds of things.

~Neal Shusterman

Love turns a heart to crystal...Much more valuable, but much more fragile.

~Neal Shusterman

the captain is supposed to go down with the ship" . "unless the first mate knocks him out and throws him in a lifeboat

~Neal Shusterman

A pedestal is the most insidious prison ever devised.

~Neal Shusterman

Walls don't fall without effort.

~Neal Shusterman

Connor smiles with mocking warmth at him, and glances at the tattoo on his wrist. "I like your dolphin.

~Neal Shusterman

Stupid dreams. Even the good ones are bad, because they remind you how poorly reality measures up.

~Neal Shusterman

The moment you're loved, that's when you got your soul.

~Neal Shusterman

The woman wears a floral print blouse with lots of leaves and pink

flowers. Risa would like to attack her with a weed whacker.

~Neal Shusterman

What can fingerprints mean when they're not necessarily yours?

~Neal Shusterman

It's a big question. Where do you begin to change the world?

~Neal Shusterman

I'm scared," he says. "I know," says the nurse. "I want you all to go to Hell." "That's natural.

~Neal Shusterman

Then you'd better listen, because me sounding like Bronte is one of the signs of the apocalypse-and if the end fo the world is coming, good deeds could earn you Judgment day brownie points.

~Neal Shusterman

Who am I? The sum of your dreams, the thrill you refuse to grasp, the unknown you fear.

~Neal Shusterman

For standing between Cody and his pain is my obligation, and standing between my uncle and his pain is my rent, but the pain I coax from Bronte is my joy

~Neal Shusterman

I'm Switzerland; neutral as can be, and also with great chocolate.

~Neal Shusterman

But this isn't a perfect world. The problem is people who think it is.

-Connor

~Neal Shusterman

A family is a collection of strangers trapped in a web of DNA and forced to cope.

~Neal Shusterman

Dreams can twist your emotions like no reality can.

~Neal Shusterman

My grandmother used to say that twisting paths always cross again," he told her. "And whose paths are more twisted than ours?"

~Neal Shusterman

The measure of a man is not how much he suffers in the test, but how he comes out at the end.

~Neal Shusterman

We move in and out of darkness and light all our lives. Right now I'm pleased to be in the light.

~Neal Shusterman

His life has been like a ballpark, hasn't it? All lines, structure, and rules, never changing. But now he's been hit over the wall into unknown territory.

~Neal Shusterman

Hope can be bruised and battered. It can be forced underground and even rendered unconscious, but hope cannot be killed.

~Neal Shusterman

Whoever invented the spork should be killed.

~Neal Shusterman

What's the point of living if you're going to hate the world? Guard your heart if you have to, but don't shut it away.

~Neal Shusterman

He's become like that briefcase in the ground-full of gems yet void of light, so nothing sparkles, nothing shines.

~Neal Shusterman

Anger is only our friend when we know its caliber and how to aim it.

~Neal Shusterman

You can't change laws without first changing human nature.' -Nurse Greta
You can't change human nature without first changing the law.'

-Nurse Yvonne

~Neal Shusterman

How can you do the right thing when you can't figure out what that is?
When all you have before you are choices in various shades of wrong?

~Neal Shusterman

Looks are deceiving," Risa says. "After all, when I first saw you I thought you looked reasonably intelligent.

~Neal Shusterman

But now we've finally taken full possession of what is rightfully ours, because everyone must feel their own pain--and as awful as that is, it's also wonderful.

~Neal Shusterman

That's what law is: educated guesses at right and wrong.

~Neal Shusterman

In the backseat Moose and Squirrel inhabited a pair of six-year-old-twins, and wouldn't stop bickering and picking their noses. They were clearly in their element.

~Neal Shusterman

does a sick society get so used to its illness that it can't remember

being well? what if the memory is too dangerous for the people who like things the way they are?

~Neal Shusterman

We'll never be ready. So I guess that means we're as ready as we'll ever be.

~Neal Shusterman

I can't destroy things so beautiful." "Time will destroy them if you don't. Time destroys everything. But if you destroy them, it will mean something.

~Neal Shusterman

Teenage rebellion is for suburban schoolchildren. Get over it.

~Neal Shusterman

And he thinks that if his soul had a form, this is what it would be. A baby sleeping in his arms.

~Neal Shusterman

That's wisdom you can take to the grave, and dig up when you need it!

~Neal Shusterman

No," says Ariana. "It was a dream. Reality got in the way, that's all.

~Neal Shusterman

It holds no fear for her now, because the shark has been tamed by the soul of a boy. No--the soul of a man.

~Neal Shusterman

think of it this way," he said "It took nine months to get you born, so doesn't it figure it would take nine months to get you dead?

~Neal Shusterman

It's amazing how people can surprise you.

~Neal Shusterman

Should I push him or should I throw him?" Howie asks. "Do what comes naturally," I yelled back. "I don't know," he says. "This is a very unnatural thing.

~Neal Shusterman

The homes here are almost identical, but not quite, full of people almost identical, but not quite.

~Neal Shusterman

This game's stupid," said Lief. "Who the heck is Zelda, anyway?

~Neal Shusterman

Hey," says Hayden, "I'm Switzerland; neutral as can be, and also with great chocolate." "Get lost," Roland tells him. "Already am." And Hayden strolls away.

~Neal Shusterman

Getting to know someone in blind darkness changes your impression of them.

~Neal Shusterman

Wars are often waged not because of what we believe, but because of the things we want others to believe.

~Neal Shusterman

Love, Allie concluded, wasn't blind, it simply saw alternate dimensions.

~Neal Shusterman

This book is so interesting. I always wonder what's going to happen next.

~Neal Shusterman

I mean, it's like we all get our raw materials from our familiesâ€•but it's up to us whether we build bridges or bombs.

~Neal Shusterman

Because if their own parents didn't care enough about them to keep them, who would want them in Heaven?

~Neal Shusterman

The way I see it, the impossible happens all the time; but we're so good at taking it for granted, we forget it was once impossible.

~Neal Shusterman

It was at that moment he realized that his spirit was truly human once more. For he no longer remembered how to be alone without being lonely.

~Neal Shusterman

Cities are never random. No matter how chaotic they might seem, everything about them grows out of a need to solve a problem

~Neal Shusterman

In a perfect world everything would be either black or white, right or wrong, and everyone would know the difference. But this isn't a perfect world. The problem is people who think it is.

~Neal Shusterman

Already Roland feels his limbs starting to go numb. He swallows hard. "I hate this. I hate you. I hate all of you." "I understand.

~Neal Shusterman

Perhaps, thought Talon, there was a path in between. A way to shed their ignorance without losing their souls.

~Neal Shusterman

The scariest thing of all is never knowing what you're suddenly going to believe.

~Neal Shusterman

We weren't going anywhere," Nick said with a smile. He was trying to sound charming, but instead wound up sounding heavily sedated.

~Neal Shusterman

Lev smiles. "Leave it to you to turn someone else's screwup into gold

~Neal Shusterman

I have no idea,' he tells her, and there is such a spark in his eye when he says it, she can tell having no idea is exactly the way he wants it.

~Neal Shusterman

Beautiful is dangerous.

~Neal Shusterman

...You know something, don't you?" "I know lots of things--your inquiry needs to be more specific." "Just answer the question." "True/false or multiple choice?"

~Neal Shusterman

It's amazing that something as simple as a kiss can overpower the worst of worries.

~Neal Shusterman

How much do you know about the Heartland War?' Connor shrugs. 'It was the last chapter in our history textbook, but we had state testing, so we never got to it.

~Neal Shusterman

How can you pass laws about things that nobody knows?" "They do it all the time," says Hayden. "That's what law is: educated guesses at

right and wrong.

~Neal Shusterman

What do you do with a textbook case when no one's written the textbook?

~Neal Shusterman

So much of my life had been under tight control. So much of Quinn's life had been wild insanity. What we needed now was both: a directed burst of controlled insanity.

~Neal Shusterman

I'm tired of eating your family's lousy, tasteless recipes," Dad said. "Tasteless recipes? My grandmother's rolling in her grave!" "It's from indigestion.

~Neal Shusterman

Statistically speaking, there's a better chance that some part of me will go on to greatness somewhere in the world. I'd rather be partly great than entirely useless.

~Neal Shusterman

...if more people had been organ donors, unwinding never would have happened...but people like to keep what's theirs, even after they're dead.

~Neal Shusterman

Most people have two emergency modes. Fight and Flight. But Conner always knew he had three. Fight, Flight, and Screw Up Royally.

~Neal Shusterman

Heaven might shine bright, but so do flames.

~Neal Shusterman

... always been a goal-oriented girl. it was both her strength and her weakness. She had a drive to completion that always gets things done, but it also made her inflexible, and stubborn.

~Neal Shusterman

Respect doesn't come without a little resentment.

~Neal Shusterman

You know that feeling you get when your leg falls asleep? Well, I suddenly had that feeling in my spine. Like termites were chewing through the marrow in my backbone.

~Neal Shusterman

Well...you're a martyr and I'm a patron saint-I can't think of anyone better!

~Neal Shusterman

Then she offers him a slim but sincere smile, and he reluctantly returns it. It doesn't bridge the gap between them, but at least it marks the spot where the bridge might be built.

~Neal Shusterman

It's funny how a flame can only burn your hand if you move too slow, you can tease it all you want and it never gets you, if your quick enough.

~Neal Shusterman

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