

Orson Scott Card Quotes

*People, Thinking, Men, Children, Believe, Writing, World, Heart, Stupid, Mean,
Lying, Winning, Book, Enemy, Giving, Enders Game, Ender, Eye, Want, Fiction*

Among my most prized possessions are words that I have never spoken.

~Orson Scott Card

In the moment when I truly understand my enemy, understand him well enough to defeat him, then in that very moment I also love him.

~Orson Scott Card

I've lived too long with pain. I won't know who I am without it

~Orson Scott Card

Ender Wiggin must believe that no matter what happens, no adult will ever, ever step in to help him in any way.

~Orson Scott Card

I need you to be clever, Bean. I need you to think of solutions to problems we haven't seen yet. I want you to try things that no one has ever tried because they're absolutely stupid.

~Orson Scott Card

Unemployment is capitalism's way of getting you to plant a garden.

~Orson Scott Card

We're like the wicked witch. We promise gingerbread, then eat the little brats alive.

~Orson Scott Card

Metaphors have a way of holding the most truth in the least space.

~Orson Scott Card

There's only one thing that will make them stop hating you. And that's being so good at what you do that they can't ignore you

~Orson Scott Card

There is more good writing and good acting in any ten minutes of Twister than in, say, all of Citizen Kane.

~Orson Scott Card

Ender didn't like fighting. He didn't like Peter's kind, the strong against the weak, and he didn't like his own kind either, the smart against the stupid.

~Orson Scott Card

The wise are not wise because they make no mistakes. They are wise because they correct their mistakes as soon as they recognize them.

~Orson Scott Card

One judge is coughing his life out into bloody handkerchiefs and the other is burying his wife, and you think this is how God answers your prayers?

~Orson Scott Card

I think it's impossible to really understand somebody, what they want, what they believe, and not love them the way they love themselves.

~Orson Scott Card

Madness, and then illumination.

~Orson Scott Card

There are times when the world is rearranging itself, and at times like that, the right words can change the world.

~Orson Scott Card

Sometimes lies were more dependable than the truth.

~Orson Scott Card

Every day people judge all other people. The question is whether they judge wisely.

~Orson Scott Card

If pigs could vote, the man with the slop bucket would be elected swineherd every time, no matter how much slaughtering he did on the side.

~Orson Scott Card

There's a sort of rage a man feels when he's been deceived where he most trusted. It compares to no other anger.

~Orson Scott Card

Because never in my entire childhood did I feel like a child. I felt like a person all along—the same person that I am today.

~Orson Scott Card

It is in the turmoil of chaos that we discover what, if anything, we are.

~Orson Scott Card

We don't read novels to have an experience like life. Heck, we're living lives, complete with all the incompleteness. We turn to fiction to have an author assure us that it means something.

~Orson Scott Card

If you try and lose then it isn't your fault. But if you don't try and we lose, then it's all your fault.

~Orson Scott Card

Regardless of law, marriage has only one definition, and any government that attempts to change it is my mortal enemy. I will act to destroy that government and bring it down.

~Orson Scott Card

because if you can't kill then you are always subject to those who can, and nothing and no one will ever save you.

~Orson Scott Card

No human being, when you understand his desires, is worthless. No one's life is nothing.

~Orson Scott Card

You can't change what you don't understand.

~Orson Scott Card

Everybody walks past a thousand story ideas every day. The good writers are the ones who see five or six of them. Most people don't see any.

~Orson Scott Card

You know how writers are... they create themselves as they create their work. Or perhaps they create their work in order to create themselves.

~Orson Scott Card

It's called civilization. Women invented it, and every time you men blow it all to bits, we just invent it again.

~Orson Scott Card

Faith doesn't mean you never doubt. It only means you never act upon your doubts.

~Orson Scott Card

Short stories are designed to deliver their impact in as few pages as possible. A tremendous amount is left out, and a good short story writer learns to include only the most essential information.

~Orson Scott Card

Apparently the Dutch now prided themselves on being better at queues than the English, which was absurd, because standing cheerfully in line was the English national sport.

~Orson Scott Card

All is going well, very well, I couldn't ask for anything betterâ€” So why do I hate my life?

~Orson Scott Card

Fiction, because it is not about somebody who actually lived in the real world, always has the possibility of being about oneself.

~Orson Scott Card

An eye for an eye? How Christian of you.' Unbelievers always want other people to act like Christians.

~Orson Scott Card

I've seen Australia and I've lived on an asteroid and I'd take the asteroid.

~Orson Scott Card

Early to bed and early to rise," Mazer intoned, "makes a man stupid and blind in the eyes.

~Orson Scott Card

Bean could see the hunger in their eyes. Not the regular hunger, for food, but the real hunger, the deep hunger, for family, for love, for belonging.

~Orson Scott Card

Happiness is not a life without pain, but rather a life in which the pain is traded for a worthy price.

~Orson Scott Card

This emotion I'm feeling now, this is love, right?

~Orson Scott Card

Every person is defined by the communities she belongs to.

~Orson Scott Card

When there aren't any smart decisions, I suppose you just have to pick the stupid decision you like best.

~Orson Scott Card

Unfortunately, we live in a time when the media are almost a monoculture.

~Orson Scott Card

Once you have the gallows, you'll find new reasons to hang people from it.

~Orson Scott Card

I wonder sometimes if the motivation for writers ought to be contempt, not admiration.

~Orson Scott Card

The lies we live will always be confessed in the stories that we tell.

~Orson Scott Card

I taught you everything you know. But I didn't teach you everything I know.

~Orson Scott Card

I hope I am remembered by my children as a good father.

~Orson Scott Card

In order to learn, one must change one's mind.

~Orson Scott Card

Human beings may be miserable specimens, in the main, but we can learn, and, through learning, become decent people.

~Orson Scott Card

Humanity does not ask us to be happy. It merely asks us to be brilliant on its behalf.

~Orson Scott Card

Welcome to the human race. Nobody controls his own life, Ender. The best you can do is choose to fill the roles given you by good people, by people who love you.

~Orson Scott Card

When you have a good romance, find ways to make their lives miserable and hellish...Do you think 'Titanic' would have been so popular if they had both lived? Not a prayer.

~Orson Scott Card

This is how humans are: We question all our beliefs, except for the ones that we really believe in, and those we never think to question.

~Orson Scott Card

Writing sessions can last an hour or sixteen hours, depending on how it's going.

~Orson Scott Card

If you lay a hand on me I'll ram your testicles so far up inside your abdomen it'll take a heart surgeon to get them out.

~Orson Scott Card

My favourite all-time work of fiction: Lord of the Rings. My favourite all-time nonfiction book: Guns, Germs, and Steel. Ask me again next week, you'll get a different answer.

~Orson Scott Card

Laws against homosexual behavior should remain on the books.

~Orson Scott Card

At last he came to a door, with these words in glowing emeralds: THE END OF THE WORLD He did not hesitate. He opened the door and stepped through.

~Orson Scott Card

The best thing about my job, though, is stopping at the end of the day and rejoining the human universe.

~Orson Scott Card

A library is the first step of a thousand journeys, portal to a thousand worlds.

~Orson Scott Card

Perhaps it's impossible to wear an identity without becoming what you pretend to be.

~Orson Scott Card

Only stupid men trying to seem smart need to be with dumb women. Only weak men trying to look strong are attracted to compliant women.

~Orson Scott Card

It is a weak man who blames his failures on the strength of others.

~Orson Scott Card

My college training was primarily in theatre, with an eye to becoming a director, actor, or producer.

~Orson Scott Card

I have to win this now, and for all time, or I'll fight it every day and it will get worse and worse.

~Orson Scott Card

So I want to ask you a hypothetical question. My favorite kind. Next to rhetorical ones. I can nap equally well through either kind.

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Human beings are free except when humanity needs them.

~Orson Scott Card

As long as you keep getting born, it's alright to die some times.

~Orson Scott Card

One bachelor is an irritation. Ten thousand bachelors are a war.

~Orson Scott Card

It's the teachers, they're the enemy. They get us to fight each other, to hate each other.

~Orson Scott Card

We're all trying to decide whether your scores up there are a miracle or a mistake." "A habit.

~Orson Scott Card

I have never resisted the lord in my life, and I never will. But I'm not so hungry for dialogue with him that I have to make up his part as well as my own.

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...the thing with brothers is, you're supposed to take turns being the keeper. Sometimes you get to sit down and be the brother who is kept.

~Orson Scott Card

It's the middle class that feels the luxury of being able to have causes.

~Orson Scott Card

I realized that everything important in sci-fi showed up in the magazines first. It's the proving ground for new writers and new ideas.

~Orson Scott Card

There is no society that does not highly value fictional storytelling. Ever.

~Orson Scott Card

He could see Bonzo's anger growing hot. Hot anger was bad. Ender's anger was cold, and he could use it. Bonzo's was hot, and so it used him.

~Orson Scott Card

So the whole war is because we can't talk to each other.

~Orson Scott Card

Home is anywhere that you know all your friends and all your enemies.

~Orson Scott Card

All the stories are fictions. What matters is which fiction you believe.

~Orson Scott Card

Soldiers can sometimes make decisions that are smarter than the orders they've been given.

~Orson Scott Card

Your work is first, learning is first, winning is everything because without it there is nothing.

~Orson Scott Card

We have to go. I'm almost happy here.

~Orson Scott Card

He's not a killer. He just wins... Thoroughly

~Orson Scott Card

Everyone dies. Everyone leaves. What matters is the things you build together before they go. What matters is the part of them that continues in you when they're gone.

~Orson Scott Card

That's how it goes within a family. You think you know each other so well, and so you don't bother hardly getting to know each other at all.

~Orson Scott Card

Satanic Verses is a despicable book that could not have been written by a person who wished to behave decently and responsibly.

~Orson Scott Card

If the other fellow can't tell you his story, you can never be sure he isn't trying to kill you.

~Orson Scott Card

'I could kill you like this,' Peter whispered. 'Just press and press until you're dead'.

~Orson Scott Card

Don't win loyalty, just obedience, and only while the lash is in the room.

~Orson Scott Card

I am especially grateful, however, to have known the fifties, before we began to poison our own civilization - or at least before the effects of the poison began to be felt.

~Orson Scott Card

Peter, you're twelve years old. I'm ten. They have a word for people our age. They call us children and they treat us like mice.

~Orson Scott Card

Since when do you have to tell the enemy when he has won?

~Orson Scott Card

Reasonable argument is impossible when authority becomes the arbiter.

~Orson Scott Card

The world is always a democracy in times of flux, and the man with the best voice will win.

~Orson Scott Card

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