

# Pam Houston Quotes

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I always tell my students, about the biggest baddest things in life you must try to write small and light, save the big writing for the unexpected tiny thing that always makes or breaks a story.

~Pam Houston

Dogs change lives. Half Buddha, half Bozo, they keep us tethered to the earth, and teach us to fly. Our dogs are our sanity keepers.

~Pam Houston

When I was a little kid, I used to walk miles and miles and miles and miles and miles and miles of railroad tracks.

~Pam Houston

I've been to a lot of school and read a lot of thick books, but at my very core there's a made-for-TV-movie mentality I don't think i will ever shake.

~Pam Houston

Movement helps keep me centered. I am a disaster, for instance, at sitting meditation, but I'm pretty decent at walking meditation.

~Pam Houston

Life gives us what we need when we need it; receiving what it gives us is a whole other thing.

~Pam Houston

I've always said the toughest thing about learning to feel your feelings is that then you have to feel your feelings.

~Pam Houston

Stillness is a harder concept for me than ecstasy, but I can imagine it best when I am fully present and paying strict attention to a place I am moving through.

~Pam Houston

One thing I'm always thinking about myself is what am I willing to make up? And the answer is not much.

~Pam Houston

There was something about the prairie for meâ€”it wasn't where I had come from, but when I moved there it just took me in and I knew I couldn't ever stop living under that big sky.

~Pam Houston

Give me a labyrinth to walk and I can usually free my mind.

~Pam Houston

The Universe has a plan to make sure we don't ever stop learning, not only in our minds, but also in our hearts.

~Pam Houston

I'm not very interested in telling the facts. I have a lot of investment in telling the truth.

~Pam Houston

For me, the shaping of the story is more important than accuracy.

~Pam Houston

I always think, when I'm in motion, writing seems like the most natural thing.

~Pam Houston

I write well on the road. I have the energy, I have the motivation to write. I'm happy when I'm on the road.

~Pam Houston

Traveling is my priority, because it drives the writing, so I teach around the travel, and sometimes the travel is the teaching.

~Pam Houston

I've always traveled. I'm a professor in a limited way. I teach one class two quarters out of four, so I get traveling done.

~Pam Houston

I'm always out looking for weird, beautiful things.

~Pam Houston

I'm about going out in the world and noticing stuff, and going home and writing it down, and putting it next to other stuff I've noticed and seeing what happens.

~Pam Houston

in general, I feel most comfortable between known quantities.

~Pam Houston

Being in the presence of the "other" seems to show me who I am in a way that is really important to me. I feel radically more comfortable in Laos, say, than I do in Pennsylvania.

~Pam Houston

I write really well on the road.

~Pam Houston

My parents were travelers. Every time my parents got ten dollars ahead they went somewhere. That's what they did. So I got the bug from them.

~Pam Houston

Cheryl Strayed is a courageous, gritty, and deceptively elegant writer.

~Pam Houston

It's September 21st, a day I love for the balance it carries with it.

~Pam Houston

Do you write novels?" I said. "Novels, Lord no," she said. "I can't even stay married.

~Pam Houston

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