

# Patricia Cornwell

## Quotes

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I didn't invent forensic science and medicine. I just was one of the first people to recognize how interesting it is.

~Patricia Cornwell

I constantly remind people that crime isn't solved by technology; it's solved by people.

~Patricia Cornwell

I believe the root of all evil is abuse of power.

~Patricia Cornwell

Everyone is doing forensics.

~Patricia Cornwell

If everybody, every day, would try to do one thing that pulls them beyond themselves the world will start being a better place.

~Patricia Cornwell

Night fell clean and cold in Dublin, and wind moaned beyond my room as if a million pipes played the air.

~Patricia Cornwell

Do no harm & leave the world a better place than you found it.

~Patricia Cornwell

When I was at college there were two things I vowed I'd never do. One was go to a funeral and the other was deal with computers. And then I ended up being a computer programmer in a morgue.

~Patricia Cornwell

With DNA, the ability to find out a lot more with a lot less has increased our ability for identification.

~Patricia Cornwell

On the last morning of Virginia's bloodiest year since the Civil War, I built a fire and sat facing a window of darkness where at sunrise I knew I would find the sea.

~Patricia Cornwell

Being with someone who is smart and gives good advice adds tremendously wonderful elements to your life.

~Patricia Cornwell

Leaves covered pavement like soggy cereal.

~Patricia Cornwell

Even when I am writing I usually take a break around lunchtime and go for a little walk to clear out my head.

~Patricia Cornwell

I stop working at about 3 p.m. on Fridays.

~Patricia Cornwell

I'm always surprised when large numbers of people buy my books.

~Patricia Cornwell

My fans want me to talk to them. And even if they want to be critical, I want to hear what they've got to say.

~Patricia Cornwell

I've never taken a scalpel to a dead body.

~Patricia Cornwell

We create our own worlds. We destroy our own worlds. It is that simple.

~Patricia Cornwell

Being gay is just one aspect of my very complicated life. I do not wear it

on my sleeve.

~Patricia Cornwell

To almost die is to know that one day you will, and to never again feel the same about anything.

~Patricia Cornwell

In my forties, my optimism was boundless. I had really good health and tremendous success which allowed me to do anything I wanted.

~Patricia Cornwell

First of all, it does not deter crime, the death penalty.

~Patricia Cornwell

You can't cure a chipped plate. All you can do is live with it or throw it out.

~Patricia Cornwell

I refuse to sit on my laurels.

~Patricia Cornwell

Survival my only hope. Success my only revenge

~Patricia Cornwell

My friends call me Miss Worst Case Scenario.

~Patricia Cornwell

Life brings with it strangeness and surprises and upsets

~Patricia Cornwell

Thoughts are odd misfires.

~Patricia Cornwell

rain slowly slides down the glass as if the night is crying.

~Patricia Cornwell

And suddenly the world was filled with wooden faces and flat voices - and, you were alone.

~Patricia Cornwell

I like to get to bed with a clear head.

~Patricia Cornwell

I don't do things that are illegal.

~Patricia Cornwell

The dead have never bothered me. It's the living that I fear.

~Patricia Cornwell

Has all the trappings of a mystery novel, doesn't it?

~Patricia Cornwell

I dropped chemistry. I practically blew up the lab in college.

~Patricia Cornwell

I am an Armani and a Dolce & Gabbana kind of a person.

~Patricia Cornwell

I'm very, very sensitive to pain and to people who suffer.

~Patricia Cornwell

The biggest risk with a series that goes on this long is that you'll get bored with the character.

~Patricia Cornwell

You have to live where you wake up, even if someone else dreamed you there.

~Patricia Cornwell

Murder is about power and the more powerful women get the more it will change the good that they do and the bad that they do.

~Patricia Cornwell

Botox not only helps with wrinkles, it actually makes you feel more relaxed as frowning causes tension.

~Patricia Cornwell

I won't put myself in a position where I'm vulnerable.

~Patricia Cornwell

When I was in second grade, my mother moved from Miami to this evangelical conservative environment in western North Carolina, two miles down the road from Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth.

~Patricia Cornwell

He was pushing fifty, with a face life had chewed on, and long wisps of graying hair parted low on one side and combed over his balding pate.

~Patricia Cornwell

I like crazy shoes or unusual cowboy boots and I collect big belt buckles.

~Patricia Cornwell

I've always believed human blood is red because it really needs to draw attention to itself.

~Patricia Cornwell

I find it difficult to attend autopsies. Especially the smells.

~Patricia Cornwell

I wouldn't want to donate my body for scientific study.

~Patricia Cornwell

Even if you are a best-seller you feel insecure because it is all so unpredictable.

~Patricia Cornwell

In the first person, the readers feel smart, like it's them solving the case.

~Patricia Cornwell

I wouldn't want to assume that all men are like you. If I did, I know I would give them up entirely

~Patricia Cornwell

Grief was like a seizure that shook me like a storm.

~Patricia Cornwell

But when I was a little kid, I was always writing stories and illustrating little books that I would create.

~Patricia Cornwell

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