

# Patrick Ness

## Quotes

*Men, World, Thinking, People, Fall, Looks, Lying, Stories, War, Want, Knows,  
Monsters, Book, Eye, Choices, Hands, Mean, Believe, Cuz, Running*

There's hope at the bottom of the biggest waterfall." ~pg 426

~Patrick Ness

Choices may be unbelievably hard but they're never impossible. To say you have no choice is to release yourself from responsibility and that's not how a person with integrity acts.

~Patrick Ness

Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge.

~Patrick Ness

Your mind will believe comforting lies while also knowing the painful truths that make those lies necessary. And your mind will punish you for believing both.

~Patrick Ness

To say you have no choice is to relieve yourself of responsibility.

~Patrick Ness

A book is a world all on its own too. A world made of words, where you live for a while.

~Patrick Ness

I was a hugely unchaperoned reader, and I would wander into my local public library and there sat the world, waiting for me to look at it, to find out about it, to discover who I might be inside it.

~Patrick Ness

We are the choices we make.

~Patrick Ness

... a good idea always attracts other good ideas.

~Patrick Ness

In this world of numbness and information overload, the ability to feel, my boy, is a rare gift indeed.

~Patrick Ness

Stories are important...They can be more important than anything. If they carry the truth.

~Patrick Ness

And too much information can drive a man mad. Too much information becomes just Noise. And it never, never stops.

~Patrick Ness

Shout for libraries. Shout for the young readers who use them.

~Patrick Ness

Without a filter, a man is just chaos walking.

~Patrick Ness

We all fall but that's not what matters. What matters is picking yourself up again.

~Patrick Ness

Don't deceive me. Never leave me.

~Patrick Ness

I think maybe everyone falls... I think the asking is whether we get back up again.

~Patrick Ness

We are the choices we make. And have to make. We aren't anything else.

~Patrick Ness

There's so much wonder in the world. Don't let no one tell you

otherwise.

~Patrick Ness

...and I have this stupid little thought that Aaron didn't survive the croc attack after all, that he died but he's so pissed off at me that dying didn't stop him from coming here to kill me anyway.

~Patrick Ness

I promised to keep on going but maybe keep on going means coming back first.

~Patrick Ness

Stories were wild, wild animals and went off in directions you couldn't expect.

~Patrick Ness

Ideals, my girl, she says. Always easier to believe in than live. But if you don't at least try to live them, Bradley says, then there's no point in living at all.

~Patrick Ness

if one of us falls, we all fall

~Patrick Ness

Stories are the wildest things of all. Stories chase and bite and hunt.

~Patrick Ness

Stories don't always have happy endings.

~Patrick Ness

The first thing you find out when yer dog learns to talk is that dogs don't got nothing much to say. About anything. "Need a poo, Todd." "Shutup, Manchee." "Poo. Poo, Todd." "I said shut it."

~Patrick Ness

Schooling ain't life." "Ain't it?" she says, her eyebrows raising in mock surprise.

~Patrick Ness

For me it is really important to have a story with blood in the veins, there are bad tempers and good tempers.

~Patrick Ness

A man is capable of thought. A crowd is not.

~Patrick Ness

Being a leader is making the people you love hate you a little more each day.

~Patrick Ness

People say they want freedom, but what they really want is freedom from worry. If I take care of their problems, they don't mind being told what to do.

~Patrick Ness

You can't say everything, so you don't say nothing.

~Patrick Ness

War makes monsters out of men.

~Patrick Ness

And it feels like, finally.

~Patrick Ness

You went up a girl and came down a woman.

~Patrick Ness

I'll find you- Keep calling for me, Viola- Cuz here I come.

~Patrick Ness

No,' Ben says, 'but I believe it. I believe it for you. And that's why it's hope.

~Patrick Ness

You are keeping the possibility [of peace] open. No wise leader would do anything less

~Patrick Ness

We can save the world," I say, trying to smile. "You and me.

~Patrick Ness

...That it's making a dare to the world and when has the world ever let us win a dare?" ~pg 423

~Patrick Ness

That's what I want as a reader - I want to be confident that the book will do its job.

~Patrick Ness

A knife is only as good as the one who wields it.

~Patrick Ness

Real life is only ever just real life. Messy. What it means depends on how you look at it. The only thing you've got to do is find a way to live there.

~Patrick Ness

Midnight passes and I'm twenty-five days and a million years from becoming a man.

~Patrick Ness

And it's a sad song, Todd, but it's also a promise. I'll never deceive you and I'll never leave you and I promise you this so you can one day promise it to others and know that it's true.

~Patrick Ness

Here I am. Here we are. Here we go. Here is all that matters.

~Patrick Ness

Do we hate paradise so much we need to make sure it becomes a trash heap?

~Patrick Ness

Noise ain't Truth, Noise is what men want to be true, and there's a difference twixt those two things so big that it could ruddy well kill you if you don't watch out.

~Patrick Ness

It's not how we fall. It's how we get back up again.

~Patrick Ness

You said we all want there to be more than this! Well, there's always more than this. There's always something you don't know.

~Patrick Ness

Knowledge is dangerous." ~pg 53

~Patrick Ness

Faith with proof is no faith at all.

~Patrick Ness

Didn't you finish your chemistry in school?" "You closed the school and burnt all the books." "Ah, so I did.

~Patrick Ness

It is a true story, the monster said. Many things that are true feel like a cheat.

~Patrick Ness

What a sad thing men are. Can't do nothing good without being so weak we have to mess it up. Can't build something up without tearing it down.

~Patrick Ness

Time goes on, even when yer not looking.

~Patrick Ness

It's always nice when two people who don't got no one else find each other as friends.

~Patrick Ness

Sometimes witches merit saving. Quite often, actually. You'd be surprised.

~Patrick Ness

No one escapes from a war. No one. Not even the survivors. You accept things that would appall you at any other time because life has temporarily lost all meaning.

~Patrick Ness

And it hurts her, but it's an okay hurt, but it hurts still, but it's good, but it hurts.

~Patrick Ness

Everything that's happened has brought me here, to this place, with this knife in my hand, and something worth saving.

~Patrick Ness

He was still alive. Which was the worst thing that could have happened.

~Patrick Ness

You tell a man the truth about himself and, well, they find they have



trouble accepting it.

~Patrick Ness

So the good prince was a murderer and the evil queen wasn't a witch after all.

~Patrick Ness

Life equals running and when we stop running maybe that's how we'll know life is finally finished.

~Patrick Ness

When luck ain't with you it's against you." ~pg 92

~Patrick Ness

As to how you'll help me," he says. "Well, we have met the Answer, have we not?" He turns back to look at us, his eyes glinting. "It's time for them to meet the Ask.

~Patrick Ness

A monster, I think, remembering what Ben told me once. War makes Monsters of Men.

~Patrick Ness

"You can eff off, too," I say, except I don't say eff, I say what 'eff' stands for.

~Patrick Ness

Francia don't look too convinced. I never seen arms so crossed.

~Patrick Ness

And I look at her sitting there and she looks across the river and we wait as the dawn fully arrives, each of us knowing. Each of us knowing the other.

~Patrick Ness

We run down the right fork, Manchee at our heels, the night and a dusty road stretching out in front of us, an army and a disaster behind us, me and Viola, running side by side.

~Patrick Ness

"Poo" Manchee barks quietly to himself. "Poo, poo, poo." "Just have yer stupid poo and quit yapping about it."

~Patrick Ness

Men do monstrous things but if you call a man a monster you have absolved yourself of blame. You don't have to think that you might ever do these things. I don't think that's true

~Patrick Ness

I wanted so badly for there to be more. I ached for there to be more than my crappy little life.' He shakes his head. 'And there was more. I just couldn't see it.

~Patrick Ness

Stories don't end with the writers, however many started the race.

~Patrick Ness

Nobody has to tell nobody nothing,â€• I say, taking another step forward. â€œYou never were a poet, were you, Todd?â€• he says.

~Patrick Ness

You're never more alive than in battle." "Never more dead after," I say.

~Patrick Ness

And changing for the better doesn't mean that he's ever going to reach good.

~Patrick Ness

If you ever want to see how small you are in the plan of God, just stand

at the edge of an ocean.

~Patrick Ness

The green things of this world are just wondrous, aren't they?â€• his mother went on. â€œWe work so hard to get rid of them when sometimes they're the very thing that saves us.

~Patrick Ness

Guessing a thing ain't knowing a thing.

~Patrick Ness

And otherwise normal men become monsters, too.

~Patrick Ness

There's always beauty, if you know where to look.

~Patrick Ness

Here is the boy, drowning.

~Patrick Ness

But,' he thinks, 'it's possible to die before you die.

~Patrick Ness

Conor held tightly onto his mother. And by doing so, he could finally let her go.

~Patrick Ness

Why can't we learn to live with how we are? And whatever anybody chooses is okay by the rest of us?

~Patrick Ness

It was solitude, but it was solitude that wasn't lonely. Solitude that could sort things out. And he hadn't had that in ages.

~Patrick Ness

Know yourself and go in swinging.

~Patrick Ness

I don't know what's ahead,â€• I say. â€œI don't know nothing about nothing but whatever it is, it's gotta be better than what's behind. It's gotta be.

~Patrick Ness

Teenagers are the greatest readers in the world - honest, unsnobby and loyal

~Patrick Ness

Do you not wonder sometimes, she showed now, sadly, if in some ways they are correct? That we are asking too much of the world?"No," he said. "They're the ones who are asking for too little."

~Patrick Ness

Don't think you haven't lived long enough to have a story to tell.

~Patrick Ness

If a crowd can flinch, they flinch. More than a thousand men flinch under the fist of just one. I don't see what the women do.

~Patrick Ness

It's always darkest before the dawn, Todd.â€• I look at him, baffled. â€œNo, it ain't! What kinda stupid saying is that? It's always lightest before the dawn!

~Patrick Ness

We have to lie to ourselves to live. Otherwise, we'd go crazy.

~Patrick Ness

Superior numbers versus superior firepower. A recipe for unending slaughter.

~Patrick Ness

The only place you belong is the place you can never go back. And so  
yer always alone, forever and always.

~Patrick Ness

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