

Patrick Rothfuss

Quotes

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When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Words are pale shadows of forgotten names. As names have power, words have power. Words can light fires in the minds of men. Words can wring tears from the hardest hearts.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I have, of course, been called many other things. Most of them uncouth, although very few were unearned

~Patrick Rothfuss

The world is a mess and I just need to rule it.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Half of seeming clever is keeping your mouth shut at the right times.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It was wise enough to know itself, and brave enough to be itself, and wild enough to change itself while somehow staying altogether true.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It's like everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story.

~Patrick Rothfuss

If I seem to wander, if I seem to stray, remember that true stories seldom take the straightest way

~Patrick Rothfuss

There are three things all wise men fear: the sea in storm, a night with

no moon, and the anger of a gentle man.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Do not mistake me for my mask. You see light dappling on the water and forget the deep, cold dark beneath.

~Patrick Rothfuss

You do not know the first note of the music that moves me.

~Patrick Rothfuss

The cost of a loaf is a simple thing, and so a loaf is often sought, but some things are past valuing: laughter, land, and love are never bought.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It's the questions we can't answer that teach us the most. They teach us how to think.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I guess I'm destined to be loveless

~Patrick Rothfuss

Anger can keep you warm at night, and wounded pride can spur a man to wondrous things.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I've waited a long time to show these flowers how pretty you are.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It is quite a thing. There are so many men, all endlessly trying to sweep me off my feet. And there is one of you, trying just the opposite. Making sure my feet are firm beneath me lest I fall.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Each woman is like an instrument, waiting to be learned, loved, and finely played, to have at last her own true music made.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Too much truth confuses the facts. Too much honesty makes you sound insincere.

~Patrick Rothfuss

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~Patrick Rothfuss

You, I said, are sweet music in a distant room.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I will admit, I've never had a student offer himself up for a vicious beating in order to prove he's worth my time. This was nothing... Once I jumped off a roof.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Stories only happen to people who can tell them.

~Patrick Rothfuss

If you fall, you fall," Elodin shrugged. "Sometimes falling teaches us things too." In dreams you often fall before you wake.

~Patrick Rothfuss

We understand how dangerous a mask can be. We all become what we pretend to be.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Only priests and fools are fearless and I've never been on the best of terms with God.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I spoke it soft, but close enough to brush against her lips. I spoke it quiet, but near enough so that the sound of it went twining through her hair. I spoke it hard and firm and dark and sweet.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I always read. You know how sharks have to keep swimming or they die? I'm like that. If I stop reading, I die.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Bones mend. Regret stays with you forever.

~Patrick Rothfuss

How odd to watch a mortal kindle / Then to dwindle day by day /
Knowing their bright souls are tinder / And the wind will have its way

~Patrick Rothfuss

Knowing your own ignorance is the first step to enlightenment.

~Patrick Rothfuss

After a certain point is reached the numbers cease to matter, and all that remains is the faceless mass of a crowd.

~Patrick Rothfuss

If I could sum it up in 50 words, I wouldn't have needed to write a whole novel about it.

~Patrick Rothfuss

But to love something despite. To know the flaws and love them too. This is rare and pure and perfect.

~Patrick Rothfuss

A poet is a musician who can't sing.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I firmly believe that we're all good people, but sometimes it's hard to understand how to do good.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It's not over if you're still here,â€• Chronicler said. â€œIt's not a tragedy if you're still alive.

~Patrick Rothfuss

That is how heavy a secret can become. It can make blood flow easier than ink.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Using words to talk of words is like using a pencil to draw a picture of itself, on itself. Impossible. Confusing. Frustrating ... but there are other ways to understanding.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Music sounds different to the one who plays it. It is the musician's curse.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Books are a poor substitute for female companionship, but they are easier to find.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I know," she said. "You have a stone in your heart, and some days it's so heavy there is nothing to be done. But you don't have to be alone for it. You should have come to me. I understand.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Practice makes the master.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Character is half the reason we read. We're excited because of the plot,

but we care because of the characters.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It might not be true, but that doesn't mean it's nonsense.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Words have to find a man's mind before they can touch his heart, and some men's minds are woefully small targets.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I've always liked the moonless night best. It's easier to say things in the dark. It's easier to be yourself.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I am no poet. I do not love words for the sake of words. I love words for what they can accomplish. Similarly, I am no arithmetician. Numbers that speak only of numbers are of little interest to me.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Truth is a troublesome motherfucker unless it's handled properly

~Patrick Rothfuss

You are not wise enough to fear me as I should be feared.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I'd like to do an anthology. Maybe a collection of songs set in my world, or based on my world. I think that would be a lot of fun.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I won the only duel I ever lost.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I also felt guilty about the three pens I'd stolen, but only for a second. And since there was no convenient way to give them back, I stole a

bottle of ink before I left.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Some people are going to be impatient no matter what. If I wrote two books a year, someone out there would be pissed I wasn't writing three.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It was the patient, cut-flower sound of a man who is waiting to die.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I'm a firm supporter of the word polyamory. But that one is close to my heart.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I believe it, Chronicler found himself thinking. Before it was just a story, but now I can believe it. This is the face of a man who has killed an angel.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Half a King is my favorite book by Joe Abercrombie so far, and that's saying something.

~Patrick Rothfuss

She taught me I should never do anything in private I did not want talked about in public, and cautioned me not to talk in my sleep.

~Patrick Rothfuss

My shrug was so nonchalant it would make a cat jealous

~Patrick Rothfuss

I'm pretty good at putting up drywall and I'm an excellent kisser. That's pretty much all of my skills right there.

~Patrick Rothfuss

He was giving me enough rope to hang myself with. Apparently he didn't realize that once a noose is tied it will fit one neck as easily as another.

~Patrick Rothfuss

This is how deeply rooted stories are, folks. We crave them before we can walk, and we start telling them before we can talk.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Perhaps the greatest faculty our minds possess is the ability to cope with pain.

~Patrick Rothfuss

You lack the requisite spine and testicular fortitude to study under me.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Nobody cooks using just one ingredient. Why would you write using just one flavor of story?

~Patrick Rothfuss

That was another lesson I had learned perhaps too well: people meant pain.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Clean, quick, and easy as lying. We know how it ends practically before it starts. That's why stories appeal to us. They give us the clarity and simplicity our real lives lack.

~Patrick Rothfuss

All explicit knowledge is translated knowledge, and all translation is imperfect.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Dawn was coming. The Waystone Inn lay in silence, and it was a

silence of three parts.

~Patrick Rothfuss

You have to be a bit of a liar to tell a story the right way.

~Patrick Rothfuss

If you can find someone like that, someone who you can hold and close your eyes to the world with, then you're lucky.

~Patrick Rothfuss

...if I have ever met someone without a single shadow on their heart, it was surely a child too young for speaking.

~Patrick Rothfuss

We all become what we pretend to be.

~Patrick Rothfuss

It wasn't even a good note. 'If you are reading this I am probably dead.' What sort of a note is that?

~Patrick Rothfuss

Death was like an unpleasant neighbor. You didn't talk about him for fear he might hear you and decide to pay a visit.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Small facts lead to great knowing.

~Patrick Rothfuss

We are more than the parts that form us.

~Patrick Rothfuss

My bad luck got tangled up with my bad decisions, and I'm paying for it.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Congratulations. That was the stupidest thing I've ever seen. Ever.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Close your mouth, E'lor Kvothe, or I will feel obliged to put some vile tonic in it.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Hespe's mouth went firm. She didn't scowl exactly, but it looked like she was getting all the pieces of a scowl together in one place, just in case she needed them in a hurry.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I was nervous about writing *Slow Regard*.

~Patrick Rothfuss

The truth is I've worked a lot of things people would consider shitty jobs but I've never really hated any of them.

~Patrick Rothfuss

The good thing about working on the books for 14 years before they hit the shelves is that I worked out most of the kinks long before they were published.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I'm not a speed writer. I write slowly and revise obsessively. The end result tends to be good. That's where my strength is.

~Patrick Rothfuss

That is like throwing two virgins into a bed. Enthusiasm, passion, and ignorance are not a good combination. Someone is likely to get hurt.

~Patrick Rothfuss

There are few things as nauseating as pure obedience.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Is there a connection between language and magic? Yes. Ten times yes. So much yes that it almost doesn't bear talking about. It's as pointless that arguing that the sun is hot.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Metal rusts, music lasts forever.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Feel free to call me by my first name: Master.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I'll string a fiddle with your guts and make you play it while I dance.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Caffeine helps a lot. That and a certain amount of isolation.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Simmon pushed his hair out of his eyes, laughing boyishly. "You can't argue your way out of this one! She's obviously stupid for you. And you're just plain stupid, so it's a great match.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I have no balance. My life is a hot mess.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I have had a few gentlemen let me know they find my manly beardiness somewhat alluring. Never any ladies though.

~Patrick Rothfuss

I want to learn how to pick locks, swordfight, throw pottery - it's all research. It's like the curious person's version of James Bond's license to kill. I've got a license to learn.

~Patrick Rothfuss

For me the really cool parts of being an author don't have anything to do with getting onto a bestseller list.

~Patrick Rothfuss

Science is just magic with better PR.

~Patrick Rothfuss

My only real daydreamy casting over the years has been Natalie Portman for Denna. She's an amazing actress, and Denna is going to be one of the hardest characters to pull off.

~Patrick Rothfuss

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