

# Pearl Cleage Quotes

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...no woman can love a weak man hard enough to make him strong.

~Pearl Cleage

Discomfort is always a necessary part of enlightenment.

~Pearl Cleage

...freedom can be a full-time job if you let it.

~Pearl Cleage

you can't know the meaning of the lesson until class is over!

~Pearl Cleage

Loneliness is black coffee and late-night television; solitude is herb tea and soft music.

~Pearl Cleage

When you're young, there's a whole lot of stuff you say you'll never do. Once you get a little older, the list tends to get shorter.

~Pearl Cleage

Feminism is to sexism what black nationalism is to racism; the most rational response to the problem.

~Pearl Cleage

the problem with knowing is that it takes away the possibility of pretending!

~Pearl Cleage

old habits are hard to break, but not impossible!

~Pearl Cleage

Vera Stark is a fabulous force of nature.

~Pearl Cleage

Putting words on paper regularly is part of the necessary discipline of writing. A journal is a great way to do that.

~Pearl Cleage

Domestic violence is the front line of the war against women.

~Pearl Cleage

Sisterhood is a funny thing. It's easy to recognize, but hard to define.

~Pearl Cleage

Sometimes you have to show them what they want to see in order to get them to show you who they really are.

~Pearl Cleage

As African-Americans, we often spend our time and energy blaming other people for the problems we see around us.

~Pearl Cleage

I really love writing comedy. Writing romantic comedy is even nicer because you get to write about how insane we all act when we're falling in love.

~Pearl Cleage

I've never been to Paris. I don't like to fly!

~Pearl Cleage

Loneliness is random; solitude is ritual.

~Pearl Cleage

If you don't annoy your big sister for no good reason from time to time, she thinks you don't love her anymore.

~Pearl Cleage

But it is the fear, not the writing that defeats me. Everything is not a

masterpiece.

~Pearl Cleage

a lot of brothers don't understand. When it comes to making love, reciprocity is everything.

~Pearl Cleage

What looks like crazy on an ordinary day looks a lot like love if you catch it in the moonlight.

~Pearl Cleage

You can't save a person who doesn't want to be saved. It was like Mr. Eddie always told the new gardeners: Everybody's got to kill their own snakes.

~Pearl Cleage

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