

# Richard Paul Evans

## Quotes

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Sometimes, Children, Gratitude, Writing, Dream, Forgiving, Pain, Want,  
Memories, Hurt*

Sunsets, like childhood, are viewed with wonder not just because they are beautiful but because they are fleeting.

~Richard Paul Evans

I have Tourettes syndrome.

~Richard Paul Evans

The most difficult of decisions are often not the ones in which we cannot determine the correct course; rather the ones in which we are certain of the path but fear the journey.

~Richard Paul Evans

Forgiveness does not require us to close our eyes but rather to truly open them.

~Richard Paul Evans

So often the pain of our life is no more than a reminder to take our hand off the stove.

~Richard Paul Evans

There are none so impoverished as those who do not acknowledge the abundance of their lives

~Richard Paul Evans

such fickle days of love when pain and ecstasy share the same hour

~Richard Paul Evans

The greatest shackles we bear in this life are those forged by our own fears

~Richard Paul Evans

Forgiveness is the key to the heart's shackles.

~Richard Paul Evans

Roses can grow in slums just as weeds can grow around mansions.

~Richard Paul Evans

To choose the path is to choose the destination, but sometimes it seems that the path is under our feet even before we know we're walking.

~Richard Paul Evans

Regret is the most tiresome of companions.

~Richard Paul Evans

From our first babblings to our last word, we make but one statement, and that is our life.

~Richard Paul Evans

The most important story we'll ever write in life is our own-not with ink, but with our daily choices.

~Richard Paul Evans

Everyone who got to where they are had to begin where they were.

~Richard Paul Evans

...even the most horrible of nightmares is laced with the promise of dawn.

~Richard Paul Evans

Denial, perhaps, is a necessary human mechanism to cope with the heartaches of life.

~Richard Paul Evans

I have learned a great truth of life. We do not succeed in spite of our challenges and difficulties, but rather, precisely because of them.

~Richard Paul Evans

I think the secret to a hoppy life is a selective memory. Remember what you are most grateful for and quickly forget what your not.

~Richard Paul Evans

It is better to be loved by one person who knows your soul than millions who don't even know your phone number.

~Richard Paul Evans

Everyone has problems. It's how you choose to deal with them. Some people choose to be whiners some choose to be winners. Some choose to be victims some choose to be victors.

~Richard Paul Evans

What a culture we live in, we are swimming in an ocean of information, and drowning in ignorance.

~Richard Paul Evans

Every life can be learned from, as either a flame of hope or a cautionary flare.

~Richard Paul Evans

There are two kinds of people. Those who climb mountains and those who sit in the shadow of the mountains and critique the climbers.

~Richard Paul Evans

We can only lose what we have first claimed.

~Richard Paul Evans

Life is the soil, our choices and actions the sun and rain, but our dreams are the seeds.

~Richard Paul Evans

Usually life's greatest gifts come wrapped in adversity.

~Richard Paul Evans

Feelings can be like wild animals-we underrate how fierce they are until we've opened their cage

~Richard Paul Evans

Some so fear the future that they suffocate the present. It's like committing suicide to avoid being murdered.

~Richard Paul Evans

Old friends are memories personified.

~Richard Paul Evans

People aren't wired to be alone. Even in the stressful population of prison, solitary confinement is still considered a cruel punishment.

~Richard Paul Evans

We're all moons. Sometimes our dark sides overshadow our light.

~Richard Paul Evans

We are chained to that which we do not forgive

~Richard Paul Evans

The universe is a trillion, trillion threads moving in seemingly unrelated directions. Yet when you look at them together, they create a remarkable tapestry.

~Richard Paul Evans

It is in the darkest skies that stars are best seen.

~Richard Paul Evans

Love is never convenient-and rarely painless

~Richard Paul Evans

I believe that love is the choice we make to raise ourselves and others to the highest planes of existence.

~Richard Paul Evans

Chocolate is God's apology for broccoli

~Richard Paul Evans

Often times, the greatest peace comes of surrender.

~Richard Paul Evans

Everybody needs love. Everybody. Those who don't believe that frighten me a little.

~Richard Paul Evans

We are all in motion. Always. Those who are not climbing toward something are descending toward nothing.

~Richard Paul Evans

Rarely do we invest the time to open the book of another's life. When we do, we are usually surprised to find its cover so misleading and its reviews so flawed.

~Richard Paul Evans

Those with the softest hearts build the hardest shells.

~Richard Paul Evans

Joy isn't the natural response to blessings - joy is what comes from acknowledging them.

~Richard Paul Evans

Without great mountains we cannot reach great heights.

~Richard Paul Evans

Sometimes its not the strength but gentleness that cracks the hardest shells.

~Richard Paul Evans

. . . Harboring an emotion as powerful as gratitude has power of its own.

~Richard Paul Evans

Some people spend so much time hunting treasure that they fail to see it all around them. It's like sifting through gold to find the silt.

~Richard Paul Evans

In the beginning, I had considered these stops on my journey as interruptions - but I'm coming to understand that perhaps these detours are my journey.

~Richard Paul Evans

The truest indication of gratitude is to return what you are grateful for.

~Richard Paul Evans

You're the type who thinks of the glass as being half full, instead of half empty. "No," she said, "I'm just grateful for the glass.

~Richard Paul Evans

Sometimes our arms are so full with the burdens we carry that it hinders our view of the load those around us are staggering beneath.

~Richard Paul Evans

We spend our life building higher fences and stronger locks, when the gravest dangers are already inside

~Richard Paul Evans

I absolutely love playing the game 'Risk.

~Richard Paul Evans

The truest grace is not to forgive, but to have never found fault.

~Richard Paul Evans

Life is what happens to us while we're planning something else.

~Richard Paul Evans

Nothing heals the soul like chocolate ... It's God's apology for broccoli.

~Richard Paul Evans

Broken vows are like broken mirrors. They leave those who held to them bleeding and staring at fractured images of themselves.

~Richard Paul Evans

It has been a mistake living my life in the past. One cannot ride a horse backwards and still hold its reins.

~Richard Paul Evans

The shackles of belief, when reinforced by fear, are difficult to break free from and rarely done.

~Richard Paul Evans

Only those who never step, never stumble.

~Richard Paul Evans

The first casualty of hitting rock bottom is vanity.

~Richard Paul Evans

We all arrive on Earth with a round-trip ticket.

~Richard Paul Evans

Magna est veritas, et praevalabit: truth is mighty, and will prevail

~Richard Paul Evans

To forgive is to unlock the cage of another's folly to set ourselves free.

~Richard Paul Evans

People can become so blinded by their own perceived victimhood that

they make victims of everyone around them.

~Richard Paul Evans

The depth of love is revealed in its departure.

~Richard Paul Evans

Books are the most tolerant of friends.

~Richard Paul Evans

The strength of a friendship can be measured by the weight of the burden it's willing to share. (If you want to test this just ask someone to help you move.)

~Richard Paul Evans

But more than brave, you have love. And love is brave.

~Richard Paul Evans

The only way to remove pain from death is to remove love from life.

~Richard Paul Evans

There can be no joy without gratitude.

~Richard Paul Evans

In your hurry to keep Christmas, you have forgotten Christmas. The truest gift of Christmas is the gift of self.

~Richard Paul Evans

Everyone has some inner power that awaits discovery.

~Richard Paul Evans

The first step of a journey is always the longest.

~Richard Paul Evans

There's no hurt so great that love can't heal it.

~Richard Paul Evans

The more someone assures you that everything is okay, the more you can be assured that it's not.

~Richard Paul Evans

It's a shame that humans don't come with reset buttons.

~Richard Paul Evans

I am facing the most difficult thing of my life, my own greatest failure.

~Richard Paul Evans

The sin of the desert is knowing where the water is and not sharing it.

~Richard Paul Evans

My grandfather, a devout Christian, had the gift of healing.

~Richard Paul Evans

It's our memories that make us who we are. Without them, we're nothing. If that means we have to hurt sometimes, it's worth it.

~Richard Paul Evans

Mr. Dallstrom is a bald, scarecrow of a man with a poochy stomach. Think of a pregnant Abraham Lincoln.

~Richard Paul Evans

I believe that in spite of the chains we bind ourselves with, there's a primordial section of the human psyche that is still nomadic and still yearns to roam free.

~Richard Paul Evans

I love when I can reboot people when they are being mean to others.

~Richard Paul Evans

I've never understood why people said 'in your own words.' Who else's words would I use?

~Richard Paul Evans

Procrastination is the thief of dreams

~Richard Paul Evans

I don't think it is as much a human foible as it is a human curse that we cannot understand the beauty of a thing until it is gone.

~Richard Paul Evans

I'm a humble guy, okay?

~Richard Paul Evans

In the end, we all lose it. Remember that. In the end, we own nothing.

~Richard Paul Evans

I have learned that real angels don't have gossamer white robes and Cherubic skin, they have calloused hands and smell of the days' sweat.

~Richard Paul Evans

Life has taught me that to fly, you must first accept the possibility of falling.

~Richard Paul Evans

The concept of spiritual healing was something I was raised with.

~Richard Paul Evans

So much of young adult literature has turned dark, almost pathological. It's almost as if there is a race to see who can be the most dysfunctional.

~Richard Paul Evans

The further along we get on our life journey the more we wonder about those who traveled before us and paved the road.

~Richard Paul Evans

I've yet to read a love story that compares with mine.

~Richard Paul Evans

Things that seem bad at the time are really blessings.

~Richard Paul Evans

I don't want to go to Peru. "How do you know? You've never been there." I've never been to hell either and I'm pretty sure I don't want to go there.

~Richard Paul Evans

I've wondered why the famous congregate with each other. Perhaps it's to assure each other that they really are as important as they think they are.

~Richard Paul Evans

It's been said that every new beginning in some other beginning's end.

~Richard Paul Evans

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