

Rick Yancey

Quotes

*Thinking, Men, Mean, Heart, Fall, War, Running, Stars, World, Eye, Monsters,
Lying, Children, Real, Humanity, Faces, Mind, Promise, Kissing, Gone*

Why did they come billions of miles just to stare at us? It's rude.

~Rick Yancey

But hope is no less realistic than despair. It is still our choice whether to live in light or lie down in darkness.

~Rick Yancey

Even the most sensitive person can get used to even the most insensitive thing. Cruelty isn't a personality trait. Cruelty is a habit.

~Rick Yancey

You know how sometimes you tell yourself that you have a choice, but really you don't have a choice? Just because there are alternatives doesn't mean they apply to you.

~Rick Yancey

Sometimes in my tent, late at night, I think I can hear the stars scraping against the sky.

~Rick Yancey

So often the monsters that crowd our minds are nothing more than the strange and thoroughly alien progeny of our own fearful fantasies.

~Rick Yancey

You are the nest. You are the hatchling. You are the chrysalis. You are the progeny. You are the rot that falls from stars. You may not understand what I mean. You will.

~Rick Yancey

You can only call someone crazy if there's someone else who's normal. Like good and evil. If everything was good, then nothing would be good.

~Rick Yancey

It's hard to plan for what comes next when what comes next is not something you planned for.

~Rick Yancey

It's almost dawn. You can feel it coming. The world holds its breath, because there's really no guarantee that the sun will rise. That there was a yesterday doesn't mean there will be a tomorrow.

~Rick Yancey

How do you rid the Earth of humans? Rid the humans of their humanity.

~Rick Yancey

If I had faced it then, I wouldn't be facing it now, but sooner or later you have to choose between running and facing the thing you thought you could not face.

~Rick Yancey

There's a hero in every heart waiting for the dragon to come out.

~Rick Yancey

The world is a clock winding down.

~Rick Yancey

Human beings are remarkably resilient. When you think about it, our species has been teetering upon the edge of the existential cliff since Hiroshima. In short, we endure.

~Rick Yancey

Some things you can never leave behind. They don't belong to the past. They belong to you.

~Rick Yancey

The monstrous act by definition demands a monster.

~Rick Yancey

It isn't that the lies are too beautiful to resist. It's that the truth is too hideous to face.

~Rick Yancey

I had it all wrong," he says. "Before I found you, I thought the only way to hold on was to find something to live for. It isn't. To hold on, you have to find something you're willing to die for.

~Rick Yancey

Some things you don't have to promise. You just do.

~Rick Yancey

To hold on, you have to find something you're willing to die for.

~Rick Yancey

Tampons. I'm constantly worrying about my stash and if I'll be able to find more.

~Rick Yancey

His heart, the war. Her face, the battlefield.

~Rick Yancey

Cruelty isn't a personality trait. Cruelty is a habit.

~Rick Yancey

When I cry - when I let myself cry - that's who I cry for. I don't cry for myself. I cry for the Cassie that's gone. And I wonder what that Cassie would think of me. The Cassie who kills.

~Rick Yancey

I am the one, Not Running, Not Staying, But FACING

~Rick Yancey

God doesn't call the equipped, son. God equips the called. And you have been called.

~Rick Yancey

There's the bullshit you know that you know; the bullshit you don't know and know you don't know; and the bullshit you just think you know but really don't.

~Rick Yancey

That's what you do when the curtain is falling--you give the line that the audience wants to hear.

~Rick Yancey

I would kill for a cheeseburger. Honestly. If I stumbled across someone eating a cheeseburger, I would kill them for it.

~Rick Yancey

What were they thinking? 'It's an alien apocalypse! Quick, grab the beer!

~Rick Yancey

We're here, and then we're gone, and it's not about the time we're here, but what we do with the time.

~Rick Yancey

Maybe the last human being on Earth won't die of starvation or exposure or as a meal of wild animals. Maybe the last one to die will be killed by the last one alive.

~Rick Yancey

Perhaps that is our doom, our human curse, to never really know one another.

~Rick Yancey

The doctor frowned upon drinking and often expressed wonderment at men who willingly made imbeciles of themselves.

~Rick Yancey

And if humanity is the last war, then I am the battlefield.

~Rick Yancey

In every creepy movie ever made, the barn is the prime nesting ground for the things you don't know you're looking for and always regret finding.

~Rick Yancey

Climb onto my shoulders. I will not let you fall.

~Rick Yancey

We are the hunters---and we are also the bait.

~Rick Yancey

I'm one, too," he said. "What?" He spit a wad of blood and mucus into the dirt. "A virgin." What a shock. "What makes you think I'm a virgin?" I asked. "You wouldn't have hit me if you weren't.

~Rick Yancey

Time for the world to end.

~Rick Yancey

I didn't save you," he whispers, lips tickling my eyelashes. "You saved me.

~Rick Yancey

Nothing makes us love something more than the loss of it.

~Rick Yancey

The cold stars spun to the ancient rhythm, the august march of an

everlasting symphony. They are old, the stars, and their memory is long.

~Rick Yancey

Because we will die, but at least we will die unbroken.

~Rick Yancey

I was a slave to something he believed to be silly and superstitious: the idea that all life was worth defending and that nothing justified surrender to the forces of destruction.

~Rick Yancey

You're mortal, and only a mortal can afford to be romantic. When we conquered death, we murdered love.

~Rick Yancey

There are times when fear is not our enemy. There are times when fear is our truest, sometimes only, friend.

~Rick Yancey

But we fall only that we might rise, Alfred. All of us fall; all of us, as you say, screw up. Falling is not important. It is how we get up after the fall that's important.

~Rick Yancey

To hell with monsters and to hell with men. There is no difference to me.

~Rick Yancey

You can't force yourself to trust. So you put all your doubts in a little box and bury it deep and then try to forget where you buried it

~Rick Yancey

The harder survival becomes, the more you want to pull together. And

the more you want to pull together, the harder survival becomes.

~Rick Yancey

Still, you tend to believe what you always believed, think what you always thought, expect what you always expected

~Rick Yancey

It's like a cockroach working up a plan to defeat the shoe on its way down to crush it.

~Rick Yancey

"Are you okay?" I (Cassie) call up to him. "Um. Define okay." (Ben) "Okay means you're not bleeding to death." "I'm okay."

~Rick Yancey

"Hold on tight, Sam." He puts me in a choke hold. "Ahhh," I gasp. "Not that tight."

~Rick Yancey

The minute we decide that one person doesn't matter anymore, they've won.

~Rick Yancey

There was, like, this black hole where the world used to be, and we were both falling toward it. What could we hold on to?

~Rick Yancey

If the world breaks a million and one promises, can you trust the million and second?

~Rick Yancey

He barely knew I existed. I knew some of the same people he knew, but I was a girl in the background, several degrees of separation removed.

~Rick Yancey

He spreads his fingers over my heart, like he's holding it, like it belongs to him, the hard-fought-for territory he's won fair and square.

~Rick Yancey

She hated him and loved him, longed for him and loathed him, and cursed herself for feeling anything at all

~Rick Yancey

I don't move. I wait behind my log, terrified. Over the past ten minutes, it's become such a dear friend, I consider naming it: Howard, my pet log.

~Rick Yancey

There are those who labor in the darkness, that the rest of us might live in the light.

~Rick Yancey

How oft do they rescue or ruin us, through whimsy or design or a combination of both, the adults to whom we entrust our care!

~Rick Yancey

Just because a man is a homicidal maniac doesn't make him wrong.

~Rick Yancey

And no answer when we sent our message. Something like, "Hello, welcome to Earth. Hope you enjoy your stay. Please don't kill us.

~Rick Yancey

That's a stupid question,' said Malachi. 'Because he didn't warn him. He didn't warn anyone.' 'No, it's a philosophical question,' Kearns corrected him. 'Which makes it useless, not stupid.

~Rick Yancey

Yes, my dear child, monsters are real. I happen to have one hanging in my basement.

~Rick Yancey

Self-pity is egotism undiluted, after all—self-centeredness in its purest form.

~Rick Yancey

Then the door flew open and Mr. Faulks told us to head over to the gym. I thought that was really smart. Get all of us in one place so the aliens didn't have to waste a lot of ammunition.

~Rick Yancey

Our enemy is fear. Blinding, reason-killing fear. Fear consumes the truth and poisons all the evidence, leading us to false assumptions and irrational conclusions.

~Rick Yancey

The next time you better have a good reason," I tease him. "Okay." He kisses me again. "Reason?" I ask softly. "Um. You're really pretty?" "That's a good one. I don't know if it's true, but it's good.

~Rick Yancey

I start to unbutton his shirt. "Got to get these clothes off," I mutter. "You don't know how long I've waited to hear you say that." Smile. Lopsided. Sexy.

~Rick Yancey

Then I strip the pants away from each leg, like peeling a banana. That's it, the perfect metaphor: peeling a banana.

~Rick Yancey

Adolphus is not at his desk. That means he is somewhere in the Monstrumarium, has gone home for the day, or is dead.

~Rick Yancey

Oh, Will Henry. After all we have been through, how could I send you away now, at our most critical hour? You are indispensable to me.

~Rick Yancey

It was the price of survival. The cost of his people's last, desperate gamble: To rid his new home of humanity, he had to become human. And being human, he had to overcome his humanity.

~Rick Yancey

But monsters, I now know, come in all shapes and sizes, and only their appetite for human flesh defines them.

~Rick Yancey

I don't care what the stars say about how small we are. One, even the smallest, weakest, most insignificant one, matters.

~Rick Yancey

And then Evan Walker kisses me.

~Rick Yancey

When I wake up the next morning, there's a Hershey's Kiss sitting on the table beside me.

~Rick Yancey

We are the clay, and you are Michelangelo. And we will be your masterpiece.

~Rick Yancey

Great sci-fi has never shied from tackling the Big Questions, though really great sci-fi never forgets to entertain us along the way. Shock and awe applies to art, as well.

~Rick Yancey

Poets never die, I thought. They just fail in the end.

~Rick Yancey

When you look death in the eye and death blinks first, nothing seems impossible.

~Rick Yancey

Maybe you reach a certain point in evolution where boredom is the greatest threat to your survival. Maybe this isn't a planetary takeover at all, but a game. Like a kid pulling wings off flies.

~Rick Yancey

As long as you draw breath anywhere -here or ten thousands miles from here- I will love you. I can't help loving you, so I choose to hate you...to make my love bearable.

~Rick Yancey

Memories can bring comfort to the old and infirm, but memories can also be implacable foes, a malicious army of temporal ghosts forever pillaging the long-sought-after peace of our twilight years.

~Rick Yancey

A man lies upon the floor, spreads his arms, and transforms himself into a ship of a thousand sails.

~Rick Yancey

In case you're an alien and you're reading this: BITE ME.

~Rick Yancey

Dr. Warthrop chopped off my finger with a butcher knife.

~Rick Yancey

You are the human clay," Vosch whispers fiercely in my ear. "And I am Michelangelo. I am the master builder, and you will be my masterpiece.

~Rick Yancey

Do you know how to tell who the enemy is, Cassie?

~Rick Yancey

You never know when the truth will come home. You can't choose the time. The time chooses you.

~Rick Yancey

Because promises matter. They matter now more than ever.

~Rick Yancey

Prayers and promises. The one his sister made to him. The unspoken one I made to my sister. Prayers are promises, too, and these are the days of broken promises.

~Rick Yancey

I was woefully ignorant in the social graces. I was being raised, after all, by Pellinore Warthrop.

~Rick Yancey

It's an either/or world now.

~Rick Yancey

It isn't up to me to break his heart; that's time's job.

~Rick Yancey

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