

S. E. Hinton Quotes

*Thinking, Writing, Outsiders, Sunset, Real, People, Kids, Two, Want, Fighting,
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Maybe the two different worlds we lived in weren't so different. We saw the same sunset.

~S. E. Hinton

nothing can wear you out like caring about people

~S. E. Hinton

They grew up on the outside of society. They weren't looking for a fight. They were looking to belong.

~S. E. Hinton

If you have two friends in your lifetime, you're lucky. If you have one good friend, you're more than lucky

~S. E. Hinton

I lie to myself all the time. But I never believe me.

~S. E. Hinton

It seemed funny that the sunset she saw from her patio and the one I saw from the back steps was the same one. Maybe the two worlds we lived in weren't so different. We saw the same sunset.

~S. E. Hinton

There isn't any real good reason for fighting except self-defense.

~S. E. Hinton

You still have a lot of time to make yourself be what you want. There's still lots of good in the world. Tell Dally. I don't think he knows.

~S. E. Hinton

I advise writing to oneself. If you don't want to read it, nobody else is going to read it.

~S. E. Hinton

Some are going, some are staying....i'm in between.

~S. E. Hinton

Anything you read can influence your work, so I try to read good stuff.

~S. E. Hinton

They shouldn't hate each other . . . I don't hate the Socs any more . . .
they shouldn't hate . . .

~S. E. Hinton

The difference is that was then, this is now.

~S. E. Hinton

I am a greaser. I am a JD and a hood. I blacken the name of our fair city. I beat up people. I rob gas stations. I am a menace to society. Man do I have fun!

~S. E. Hinton

Sometimes, I feel like I spent the first part of my life wishing to be a teen-age boy, and the second part condemned to being one.

~S. E. Hinton

Greasers will still be greasers and Socs will still be Socs. Sometimes I think it's the ones in the middle that are really the lucky stiffs.

~S. E. Hinton

Movies can't ruin books. They can only ruin movies.

~S. E. Hinton

Get smart and nothing can touch you.

~S. E. Hinton

the person in this picture is really me.

~S. E. Hinton

When I stepped out into the bright sunlight from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind: Paul Newman and a ride home.

~S. E. Hinton

I have no idea why I write. The old standards are: I like to express my feelings, stretch my imagination, earn money.

~S. E. Hinton

Stay gold, Ponyboy, stay gold.

~S. E. Hinton

You get tough like me and you don't get hurt. You look out for yourself and nothin' can touch you.

~S. E. Hinton

I really do like listening to stuff that's happened to other people. I guess that's why I like to read.

~S. E. Hinton

...I knew he would be dead, because Dally Winston wanted to be dead and he always got what he wanted.

~S. E. Hinton

I used to be sure of things. Me, once i had all the answers. I wish i was a kid again, when i had all the answers

~S. E. Hinton

It's okay. We aren't in the same class. Just don't forget that some of us watch the sunset too.

~S. E. Hinton

All my life I wanted somebody who knew more than I did to tell me the truth.

~S. E. Hinton

I go straight from thinking about my narrator to being him.

~S. E. Hinton

California is like a beautiful wild kid on heroin, high as a kite and thinking she's on top of the world, not knowing she's dying, not believing it even if you show her the marks.

~S. E. Hinton

You know a guy a longtime, and I mean really know him, you don't get used to the idea that he's dead just overnight.

~S. E. Hinton

Things were rough all over, but it was better that way. That way you could tell the other guy was human too.

~S. E. Hinton

let's do it for Johnny

~S. E. Hinton

Can you see the sunset real good on the West side? You can see it on the East side too.

~S. E. Hinton

Even the most primitive societies have an innate respect for the insane.

~S. E. Hinton

...but I've never regretted it. You can't regret experience.

~S. E. Hinton

You know what the crummiest feeling you can have is? To hate the person you love the best in the world.

~S. E. Hinton

I never base a character on someone I know. You can get ideas from real life, but every character you write is some aspect of yourself.

~S. E. Hinton

I learned that if you want to get somewhere, you just make up your mind and work like hell til you get there.

~S. E. Hinton

I like having a private name and a public name. It helps keep things straight.

~S. E. Hinton

Asleep, he looked a lot younger than going-on-seventeen, but I had noticed that Johnny looked younger when he was asleep too, so I figured everyone did. Maybe people are younger when they are asleep.

~S. E. Hinton

Things are rough all over.

~S. E. Hinton

Okay greasers, you've had it.

~S. E. Hinton

why do you like fights Darry~Ponyboy He just likes to show off his muscles~Sodapop

~S. E. Hinton

He died violent and young and desperate, just like we all knew he'd die someday.

~S. E. Hinton

I don't know why I go to school unless for kicks, oh well might as well do dissect a frog.

~S. E. Hinton

I think that *The Outsiders* was meant to be written, and I was just picked to write it.

~S. E. Hinton

You know the rules. No jazz before a rumble.

~S. E. Hinton

I was desperate for something to read that dealt realistically with teenage life, and I thought others might be, too.

~S. E. Hinton

I didn't think much about that statement then. But later I would-I still do. I think about it and think about it until I think I'm going crazy.

~S. E. Hinton

They used to be buddies, I thought, they used to be friends, and now they hate each other because one has to work for a living and the other comes from the West Side. They shouldn't hate each other.

~S. E. Hinton

Writer's were supposed to be a litte crazy

~S. E. Hinton

Y'all were heroes from the beginning. You just didn't 'turn' all of a sudden

~S. E. Hinton

Johnny almost grinned as he nodded. "Tuff enough," he managed, and by the way his eyes were glowing, I figured Southern gentlemen had nothing on Johnny Cade.

~S. E. Hinton

He sure put things into words good.

~S. E. Hinton

I'm a good judge of my own work.

~S. E. Hinton

All of a sudden it felt like people were peering over my shoulder, wondering what I would write next. I was blocked for four years.

~S. E. Hinton

But Dally, heaters kill people! Ya' kill 'em with switchblades to, don'tcha?

~S. E. Hinton

Nothing sparkly can stay.

~S. E. Hinton

If you enjoy reading something, read it.

~S. E. Hinton

We couldn't get along without him. We needed Johnny as much as he needed the gang. And for the same reason.

~S. E. Hinton

What's the safest thing to be when one is met by a gang of social outcasts in an alley? ...No, another social outcast!

~S. E. Hinton

Dally was so real he scared me.

~S. E. Hinton

I gotta cut smoking or I'll never make track next year

~S. E. Hinton

My mother was physically and emotionally abusive. My father was an extremely cold man.

~S. E. Hinton

It ain't fair that we have all the rough breaks!

~S. E. Hinton

I was a tomboy and most of my close friends were male.

~S. E. Hinton

My boyfriend suggested I write two pages a day. He wouldn't take me out if I hadn't done my two pages. That's how I wrote my second novel.

~S. E. Hinton

I wish I was a kid again, when I had all the answers.

~S. E. Hinton

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