

# Samantha Power Quotes

*Thinking, People, Country, War, Political, Government, Mean, Military, Needs,  
Rights, President, Night, Order, World, Kids, Trying, Morning, Way, Long,  
United States*

Silence in the face of atrocity is not neutrality; silence in the face of atrocity is acquiescence.

~Samantha Power

What is most needed in Darfur is an international peacekeeping and protection presence, and this is what the Sudanese government most wants to avoid.

~Samantha Power

Success is not about who never fails. It is about who can spring - or even stagger - back up.

~Samantha Power

Violence against women isn't cultural, it's criminal. Equality cannot come eventually, it's something we must fight for now.

~Samantha Power

Without investing in the rule of law for the poor, none of the other investments we make will be sustainable.

~Samantha Power

It is easy to get used to the morning news, habituated. But don't. The morning news is yours to alter.

~Samantha Power

My basic feeling about military intervention is that it should be a last resort, undertaken only to stave off large-scale bloodshed.

~Samantha Power

Foreign policy is an explicitly amoral enterprise.

~Samantha Power

I like to think that as I get older I'm getting better at spending time with people who have qualities that make them worth spending time with.

~Samantha Power

Historical hypocrites have themselves carried out the very human rights abuses that they suddenly decide warrant intervention elsewhere.

~Samantha Power

American decision-makers must understand how damaging a foreign policy that privileges order and profit over justice really is in the long term.

~Samantha Power

The U.S. government engages with many countries around the world in official dialogues on human rights.

~Samantha Power

There is a convergence of crises that makes it challenging to keep the world's attention.

~Samantha Power

I'm going to Washington on a fateful, even historic, mission. I feel that I am an emissary of all Israel's citizens, even those who do not agree with me, and of the entire Jewish people

~Samantha Power

In the 2000 election, George W. Bush, who had shirked military service, succeeded in presenting himself as more reliable on national security than Al Gore.

~Samantha Power

In the '90s, there was scant presidential leadership and insufficient domestic political mobilization for foreign policy grounded in human rights.

~Samantha Power

Brokenness is the operative issue of our time - broken souls, broken hearts, broken places.

~Samantha Power

Countries that intervene militarily rarely do so out of pure altruism.

~Samantha Power

Being an occupier is not good for anybody's global standing. It is a catalyst for terrorist recruitment.

~Samantha Power

We know that often holding those who have carried out mass atrocities accountable is at times our best tool to prevent future atrocities.

~Samantha Power

'Acting as if...' I decided, ridiculously in retrospect, that my experience covering women's volleyball for my college newspaper was sufficient for me to at least try to become a war correspondent.

~Samantha Power

India is at the vanguard of figuring out how to exploit technology and innovation on behalf of democratic accountability.

~Samantha Power

We need to deter the Palestinians in any way we can.

~Samantha Power

The key to U.N. reform is giving Americans a clearer picture of what the U.N. is and what it isn't, what it can be and what it can't be.

~Samantha Power

International institutions are composed of governments. Governments control their own military forces and police.

~Samantha Power

If you represent everyone, in some ways you represent no one. You're un-owned.

~Samantha Power

When dictators feel their support slipping among adults, it is not unusual for them to alter school textbooks in the hope of enlisting impressionable youths in their cause.

~Samantha Power

There is a fair amount of competition, obviously, with ISIL and the terrorist networks around the world, China also posing a different kind of threat to the rules-based order.

~Samantha Power

One of the things that a president needs in the face of genocide is resolve.

~Samantha Power

Since 9/11, there has been a huge leap in people wanting to get personally involved in public service and international affairs.

~Samantha Power

Re-examining our reasoning is not something that has come naturally to American statesmen.

~Samantha Power

Every working mother struggles with the BlackBerry, knowing the boss can call.

~Samantha Power

First, recognize the mistake. The main thing is taking responsibility and being authentic.

~Samantha Power

I think about Syria when I go to bed at night.

~Samantha Power

When I wake up in the middle of the night when I hear one of my kids coughing or crying, I think about Syria.

~Samantha Power

When I wake up in the morning, I think about Syria.

~Samantha Power

We need to find means for cooperation.

~Samantha Power

I think Obama is right when he talks about the rule of law as a cornerstone of what the United States should stand for.

~Samantha Power

Democracies are expense-averse and they think in terms of short-term, political interests rather than a long-term interest in stability.

~Samantha Power

Engaging Iran won't guarantee improved U.S.-Iranian relations or a more stable Gulf region. But not engaging means more of the same.

~Samantha Power

I believe the United States is the greatest country on Earth. I really do.

~Samantha Power

President Reagan, of course, did more than any other person to entrench the Republican reputation for toughness on national security.

~Samantha Power

Over the years, Western governments have been criticized for working with foreign police who have proved abusive or corrupt.

~Samantha Power

No more than a surgeon can operate while tweeting can you reach your potential with one ear in, one ear out. You actually have to reacquaint yourself with concentration. We all do.

~Samantha Power

The story of U.S. policy during the genocide in Rwanda is not a story of willful complicity with evil. U.S. officials did not sit around and conspire to allow genocide to happen.

~Samantha Power

I happen to miss the Constitution; I thought it was a good document.

~Samantha Power

I get to be married to the liveliest mind I've ever encountered.... I hit the jackpot.

~Samantha Power

I joke that I spent 38 years scouring the globe, going to war zones, trying to find the person with my exact birthday.

~Samantha Power

In general, my rule is find out where your heart is, then speak from the heart. People know the difference between that and something scripted.

~Samantha Power

There's something beautiful about working in the one place in the world where the world is present, like United Nations. Otherwise, one would have to go to each of these countries to negotiate.

~Samantha Power

My kids are my salvation.... It's a delight to walk in and get charged by

a five-year-old and a two-year-old. That'll make you forget the darkness.

~Samantha Power

My favorite things in life are my children. If somebody wants to understand me, there's no better window into that than my children.

~Samantha Power

I think the point that we all agree upon is that we have to engage with Russia.

~Samantha Power

We have an interest in combating tactics in war that are abhorrent and that only fuel terrorism because they incite people on the ground.

~Samantha Power

I think we do have an interest in combating states that try to cross borders and steal parts of other people's country.

~Samantha Power



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