

# Shannon Hale

## Quotes

*Eye, Girl, Thinking, Real, Book, People, Hands, Heart, Kissing, Voice, Sorry,  
Writing, Sweet, Hurt, Sky, Horse, Believe, World, Long, Hair*

No more crying. It's all wetness and no comfort at all.

~Shannon Hale

But, how do you know if an ending is truly good for the characters unless you've traveled with them through every page?

~Shannon Hale

All I've ever wanted was to be near you.

~Shannon Hale

Many times I have learned that, you never judge a book by its cover. Like people, it is the inside that counts.

~Shannon Hale

It was karma, it was kismet, it was magic. It doesn't matter how it happened, just that it did.

~Shannon Hale

Writing a first draft and reminding myself that I'm simply shoveling sand into a box so that later I can build castles.

~Shannon Hale

Mama used to say, you have to know someone a thousand days before you can glimpse her soul.

~Shannon Hale

I think the only way to get through this life is laughing hard and constantly, mostly at myself.

~Shannon Hale

Her smile was peculiar - it made her nose wrinkle, not as though she smelled something unpleasant, but more that she was so amused, her whole face wanted to be a part of the smile.

~Shannon Hale

Even the jerks earn some of our affection. We can be glad they're gone and yet still mourn the good parts.

~Shannon Hale

You are my butterfly and refuse to set you free.

~Shannon Hale

I do like the world quite a lot.

~Shannon Hale

Razo knew he was best at nothing, except maybe cramming two cherries into a single nostril.

~Shannon Hale

... If we don't tell strange stories, when something strange happens we won't believe it.

~Shannon Hale

Being a writer is a good, good thing.

~Shannon Hale

Throwing herself into learning helped Miri ignore the painful chill of solitude around her.

~Shannon Hale

I'm not bossy - I just happen to be more capable than most everyone else.

~Shannon Hale

I'm sorry Finn. I'm a wooden-headed dummy.' Don't be so hard on yourself,' said Finn. 'You're just a straw-brained scarecrow.

~Shannon Hale

Am I the moss on your bark, then?" Ani asked. Enna grabbed her

around the waist and shook her affectionately. "You're the mossiest girl I know.

~Shannon Hale

I know I would crumble if I lost you.

~Shannon Hale

He looked at her, and the clarity of his dark eyes struck her heart with a sensation of a wound touched.

~Shannon Hale

Look no farther than your hand, Make a choice and take a stand.

~Shannon Hale

The book smelled dusty and old but also carried a sweet tang, a hint of something inviting. She opened to the first page and started to read, pronouncing the words in a reverent whisper.

~Shannon Hale

She wore white heirloom lace about her throat  
And in her hair a bright golden feather  
A pearl like a plum hung ripe from her neck  
But her smile fetched ten gold together

~Shannon Hale

I, Geric-Sinath of Gerhard, declare that you're beautiful and you're perfect and I'll slay any man who tries to take you from my side. Goose girl, may I kiss you?

~Shannon Hale

For Colin Firth: You're a really great guy, but I'm married, so I think we should just be friends.

~Shannon Hale

Years ago, before this estate was generously and unwillingly turned

over to the crown, the lord here was a genuine dimwit. He had a minister stashed behind his throne to whisper clever things to say.

~Shannon Hale

We know it's all just daydreaming...But sometimes, it'd be nice just to hold something real in your hands that felt like a measure of your worth.

~Shannon Hale

He nodded. "And if I don't make you feel like the most beautiful woman in the world every day of your life, then I don't deserve to be near you.

~Shannon Hale

Smell is the voice of the soul.

~Shannon Hale

But the hoping, that's what really hurts.

~Shannon Hale

No wolf falters before the bite  
So strike  
No hawk wavers before the dive  
Just strike

~Shannon Hale

There you go...let it all slide out. Unhappiness can't stick in a person's soul when it's slick with tears.

~Shannon Hale

He would never abandon her, never leave a gaping hole, and even if he died someday, he was preserved like a lab specimen from all the alcohol he imbibed, so he wouldn't look or act much different.

~Shannon Hale

She closed the book and put her cheek against it. There was still an odor of a library on it, of dust, leather, binding glue, and old paper, one

book carrying the smell of hundreds.

~Shannon Hale

You saw my leg?" "How can a man help what he sees?" he said. "And, if I could add, you possess a very fine leg.

~Shannon Hale

I'm a terrible prince. I should put my kingdom first and everything else second, but your first. I want you by my side every second, but I know I would crumble if I lost you.

~Shannon Hale

Just like the old adage--what you dislike most in other people is what you dislike the most in yourself--

~Shannon Hale

No one had ever called her wild before. She wanted to be wild now, for him. Wild seemed more enticing than a bowl of berries.

~Shannon Hale

The three girls were sitting and lying beside her, holding one another, weeping, their arms and legs and hair tangled like the roots of close trees, sobs shaking them like leaves in a high wind.

~Shannon Hale

Does anyone smell roasting meat?' said Razo, 'Oh, wait, it's just Geric's face.

~Shannon Hale

If you were a woman, all I'd have to say is 'Colin Firth in a wet shirt' and you'd say 'Ah.

~Shannon Hale

He smiled in a way that made me want to kiss him right on the spot. Or

the lips. Whichever was closer.

~Shannon Hale

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE: RAPUNZEL For horse thieving, kidnapping, jail breaking, and using her hair in a manner other than nature intended! REWARD

~Shannon Hale

I can see that one can never pay back Gilsa for the fear that she will give again.

~Shannon Hale

Some people are born with the first word of a language resting on their tongue though it may take some time before they can taste it.

~Shannon Hale

Go on, son, you're not doing me any good by bleeding.

~Shannon Hale

Enna leaned back her head and laughed at the sky. 'Of course he wasn't! Who could kill Razo?

~Shannon Hale

What? Don't British women know how to use their knees?

~Shannon Hale

And Isi always listened, never told Enna she had been foolish, never said hollow things like 'You'll be all right.' . . . Isi saw Enna's struggle and her sadness, and she understood.

~Shannon Hale

She answered by standing and kissing him first and held his cheeks and closed her eyes and felt sure as bones and deep as blood that she had found her place.

~Shannon Hale

He did a very good impression of a stone column.

~Shannon Hale

What should I say? That I like him so much it hurts?

~Shannon Hale

Truth is when your mind and your gut agree.

~Shannon Hale

...'Goose girl, may I kiss you?' She answered by... kissing him first.

~Shannon Hale

Her nightmare clung to her like the smell of smoke to cloth.

~Shannon Hale

Really, becoming a writer sounds more like a mental illness than a professional choice.

~Shannon Hale

A heart's a heart, in a child or a man. You are tougher than you feel right now. Your roots are deep, your canopy's spread wide. You're going to show everyone what it means to be a king.

~Shannon Hale

Uge, save me from the sauce of their loveyness-raso Forest Born

~Shannon Hale

You've been quiet lately...but it's not so much the quiet as something inside the quiet.

~Shannon Hale

Razo was sorely tempted to assert that all was true and he'd lost his



horns and tail in a tragic childhood accident

~Shannon Hale

It was a pleasure, Enna, Finn, tree rat." "Did she just call you tree rat?"

~Shannon Hale

Get back in my cot, girl," said Gilsa. "You're sickly." No, I'm not," said Ani. Oh, no? Well, maybe stubbornness is a sickness, did you ever think of that?

~Shannon Hale

...all things speak, in their way, don't they?

~Shannon Hale

I'm the sheen on water, Rin thought. I'm a looking glass. I'm not real.

~Shannon Hale

I was under the stars, like a fish is under water.

~Shannon Hale

Here's the thing about home: you can create it most anywhere, as long as you gather your people around you.

~Shannon Hale

She was born Anidori-Kiladra Talianna Isilee, Crown Princess of Kildenree, and she did not open her eyes for three days.

~Shannon Hale

Personally, I believe "Young Adult" to be an arbitrary title that means the book "Can be enjoyed by anyone/Has a main character who's not quite an adult/Isn't really boring.

~Shannon Hale

I cannot write to anyone outside myself--if I tried, it would be a horrible

story, flat and lifeless. I write to myself. That's the only person I'm trying to please.

~Shannon Hale

No small thing, a bee's sting  
When it enters the heart  
Not so benign,  
the growing vine  
When it tears stone apart

~Shannon Hale

When the mountain quaked  
Like an elbow's nudge  
Like a shout that  
something is wrong  
The people awoke and  
Knew, yes, knew, that  
bandits had come

~Shannon Hale

He had a dashing smile. It nearly dashed right off his face.

~Shannon Hale

Sometimes my fancy gets to floating inside me, threatening to carry me away like a leaf on a wind. Better to be a stone.

~Shannon Hale

They weren't nice words he said. He could've lived a good life and died never having made a person feel rubbed down to bones and too sad to hold together.

~Shannon Hale

The snow was too light to stay, the ground too warm to keep it. And the strange spring snow fell only in that golden moment of dawn, the turning of the page between night and day.

~Shannon Hale

Life is short, so live extra lives. Read books.

~Shannon Hale

My mama used to say, 'Are you sad? Then just wait a minute.'

~Shannon Hale

Ani told them all...telling more than needed telling, the stories clarifying and unifying themselves in her mind as she let them spill out of her mouth.

~Shannon Hale

Ani felt a stirring, a hope, a winged thing waking up in her chest and brushing her heart with it's feathers.

~Shannon Hale

Rin slept inside the oak's thought. Its own memories of weather and growth continued to hum, and like a pond, its stillness reflected back herself.

~Shannon Hale

Ah, now, don't cry over lost years and forgetfulness. The tales tell what they can. The rest is for us to learn.

~Shannon Hale

A heart is a heart in a child or a man.

~Shannon Hale

I wonder if everyone who faces death hurts like this. It's as though for the first time I realize how much just being alive makes my body ache. But I don't want that ache to stop.

~Shannon Hale

And new, too. Remade. Ready to move again. Listening was the start, she decided. Doing was the next step.

~Shannon Hale

Miss Hayes, have you stopped to consider that you might have this all backward? That in fact you are my fantasy?

~Shannon Hale

She put a wedge beside my heart  
And then she brought the mallet  
down  
She sang no song to guide her work  
I lost my heart without a  
sound

~Shannon Hale

They laughed much harder than the memory was funny because it felt good to laugh.

~Shannon Hale

... and with my last thought I felt some real sympathy for those poor chickens.

~Shannon Hale

If we're mad, we're mad in large numbers, at least larger than yours.

~Shannon Hale

Time is a wind that keeps blowing in my face and mumbling words that don't make sense.

~Shannon Hale

Careful with the accusations of insanity, oh my lady whose home is a tower with windows of brick, all for the sake of some skinny-ankled, laugh-prone boy of a khan.

~Shannon Hale

When you get tired of worrying and mourning your horse and trying not to be afraid, tell me and I'll do it for you a while so you can shut your eyes and sleep peaceful.

~Shannon Hale

You can be who you will,â€• he repeated. His voice softened. â€œAnd if you will have me, I will be the one beside you.

~Shannon Hale

You're better than seven years of food. You're better than windows.  
You're even better than the sky.

~Shannon Hale

Right now I'd like all my troubles to stand in front of me in a straight line, and one by one I'd give each a black eye.

~Shannon Hale

Nom, do say something funny so she can admire!

~Shannon Hale

. . . as long as there are movement and harmony, there are words.

~Shannon Hale

Razo hopped back up and adopted a posture that said he was completely unruffled, never had been, and in fact was ready to do something manly like lift boulders or swallow live worms.

~Shannon Hale

What she had long believed was not true, and now the world was wide open to discover what was. It is like all my life I thought the sky was green.

~Shannon Hale

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