

# Steven Brust Quotes

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Eye, Action, Powerful, Understanding, Ideas, Suffering, Brain, Smart, Trouble,  
Book*

Minneapolis has two seasons: Road Removal and Snow Repair.

~Steven Brust

It is always man's ideas which drive his actions. This has, at times, resulted in great evil; but as we look around us, we cannot doubt that it has resulted in greater good.

~Steven Brust

Always speak politely to an enraged Dragon.

~Steven Brust

Don't explain why it works; explain how you use it.

~Steven Brust

The struggle is always worthwhile, if the end be worthwhile and the means honorable; foreknowledge of defeat is not sufficient reason to withdraw from the contest.

~Steven Brust

One man's mistake is another man's opportunity.

~Steven Brust

A young man without ambition is an old man waiting to be.

~Steven Brust

I'm told I'm very charming when people do what I want.

~Steven Brust

Why do you work so hard to make yourself disliked? I should think you'd find it happens enough on its own without putting yourself to any extra trouble.

~Steven Brust

Appropriate action means to advance your own goals, without

unintentional harm to anyone else.

~Steven Brust

No matter how subtle the wizard, a knife between the shoulder blades will seriously cramp his style.

~Steven Brust

It's just that no one wants to be the one being rescued, we all want to do the rescuing.

~Steven Brust

There is no excuse for bad manners, except fast reflexes.

~Steven Brust

Absolute truisms rot brains absolutely.[...] 'Power corrupts' is useless as a tool for understanding the past, and gives us nothing as a guide to action.

~Steven Brust

Plan. Yes. Good idea. I should come up with a plan.

~Steven Brust

All literature consists of whatever the writer thinks is cool. The reader will like the book to the degree that he agrees with the writer about what's cool.

~Steven Brust

True heroics must be carefully planned - and strenuously avoided.

~Steven Brust

Everybody generalizes from one example. At least, I do.

~Steven Brust

Most people seem to take pleasure in feeling superior to someone. I'm

not like that, which pleases me because it makes me feel superior.

~Steven Brust

You can't put something together again unless you've torn it apart first.

~Steven Brust

The others followed, and found themselves in a small, stuffy basement, which would have been damp, smelly, close, and dark, were it not, in fact, well-lit, which prevented it from being dark.

~Steven Brust

What's the point of having weak enemies? They just waste your time.

~Steven Brust

Staring into the dragon's maw, one quickly learns wisdom.

~Steven Brust

Can you be serious for two words?" "Not without effort.

~Steven Brust

I've heard it said: "By his home you shall know him"; and we all know that we must pay attention to anyone who reverses the subject and auxiliary verb in his sentence.

~Steven Brust

I guess there's just a time for doing dumb things.

~Steven Brust

I'd rather be running the game than playing it.

~Steven Brust

I tend to close my eyes when I look at people anymore.

~Steven Brust

The novel should be understood as a structure built to accommodate the greatest possible amount of cool stuff.

~Steven Brust

There are millions of ways for people to die, if you number each vital organ, each ways it can fail, all the poisons from the earth and the sea which can cause these failures.

~Steven Brust

Do you think it's possible to discuss politics without preaching?

~Steven Brust

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