

# Steven Moffat

## Quotes

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The Doctor: I've seen bigger. Clara: Really? The Doctor: Are you joking? It's massive!

~Steven Moffat

When man invented fire, he didn't say, "Hey, let's cook." He said, "Great, now we can see naked bottoms in the dark."

~Steven Moffat

There's something really cool about scaring children. Traumatize a generation, that's what it's all about.

~Steven Moffat

See the bowtie? I wear it and I don't care. That's why it's cool.

~Steven Moffat

There's something that doesn't make sense. Let's go and poke it with a stick.

~Steven Moffat

I'll be a story in your head. But that's OK. We're all stories, in the end. Just make it a good one, eh? Because it was, you know; it was the best.

~Steven Moffat

I can't see what's wrong about assuming intelligence in your audience and what's bad news about being rewarded for assuming that.

~Steven Moffat

You don't just give up. You don't just let things happen. You make a stand! You say no! You have the guts to do what's right, even when everyone else just runs away.

~Steven Moffat

Demons run when a good man goes to war.

~Steven Moffat

An awful lot of storytelling isn't really about making people understand - it's about making people care.

~Steven Moffat

Nothing can ever be a rule in drama, because then you're saying certain things won't ever happen, and that would be very boring.

~Steven Moffat

Fascinatingly confident, rude people are great.

~Steven Moffat

What's the point of being a grown-up if you don't get to be immature?

~Steven Moffat

Cinema is so slow and boring compared to television.

~Steven Moffat

Madness is just what a genius looks like to a tiny mind.

~Steven Moffat

We're all stories, in the end.

~Steven Moffat

Don't play games with me! You just killed someone I like, that is not a safe place to stand! I'm the Doctor, and you're in the biggest library in the Universe. Look me up.

~Steven Moffat

The Doctor: Don't blink. Don't even blink. Blink and you're dead. Don't turn your back. Don't look away. And don't blink.

~Steven Moffat

River Song: Right, I have questions. But number one is this: what in the name of sanity have you got on your head? The Doctor: It's a fez. I wear a fez now. Fezzes are cool.

~Steven Moffat

People assume that time is a strict progression of cause to effect, but *\*actually\** from a non-linear, non-subjective viewpoint - it's more like a big ball of wibbly wobbly... time-y wimey... stuff.

~Steven Moffat

Rose: 'If you are an alien, how come you sound like you're from the north?' Doctor: 'Lots of planets have a north!'

~Steven Moffat

You want weapons? We're in a library! Books! The best weapons in the world!

~Steven Moffat

It's a TV show. Only the emotional damage is real.

~Steven Moffat

Come on, Rory! It isn't rocket science, it's just quantum physics! -The Doctor (Matt Smith)

~Steven Moffat

I find it's bizarre that science fiction is the one branch of television to push the idea of strong female characters. And I only call it bizarre because strong women aren't fiction.

~Steven Moffat

The Doctor: 'You know when grown-ups tell you everything's going to be fine, but you really think they're lying to make you feel better?'

Amelia: 'Yeah...'

The Doctor: 'Everything's going to be fine.'

~Steven Moffat

Keep this straight in your head: we are not fighting an alien invasion - we're leading a revolution. And today the battle begins.

~Steven Moffat

I don't want to think that the stories are finite; I want to feel that they can go on forever.

~Steven Moffat

If it's time to go, remember what you're leaving. Remember the best.

~Steven Moffat

River Song? Amy Pond? Hardly weak women. It's the exact opposite. You could accuse me of having a fetish for powerful, sexy women who like cheating people. That would be fair.

~Steven Moffat

If you take most men aside when their wives are pregnant, most men are pretty frightened and worried and faintly disgusted by the whole experience.

~Steven Moffat

Do you know how you make someone into a Dalek? Subtract Love, add Anger.

~Steven Moffat

I can say with pride verging on smugness that I've got two very successful shows that assume their audience is very smart.

~Steven Moffat

Always take a banana to a party.

~Steven Moffat

All lives end. All hearts are broken. Caring is not an advantage.

~Steven Moffat

Never run when you're scared. Rule 7.

~Steven Moffat

Never knowingly be serious. Rule 27.

~Steven Moffat

I write the kind of stuff I'd like to watch.

~Steven Moffat

Reinette: One may tolerate a world of demons for the sake of an angel.

~Steven Moffat

Hitler: Thank you, whoever you are. I think you just saved my life. The Doctor: Believe me... It was an accident.

~Steven Moffat

If you don't expect to like someone and then you do, that's an incredibly exciting moment.

~Steven Moffat

If anyone said to me 'invent a new monster so we can sell more toys', I'd kick them out of my office.

~Steven Moffat

Peter Capaldi and Jenna Coleman are back in Cardiff, back in the box, and back in action - for one of our scariest adventures yet!

~Steven Moffat

The Doctor...is embarrassingly human for an alien.

~Steven Moffat

To me, a 'brand' sounds evil.

~Steven Moffat

I like that Helen Mirren has been saying the next doctor should be a woman. I would like to go on record and say that the Queen should be played by a man!

~Steven Moffat

I don't know. I can't tell the future I just work there.

~Steven Moffat

I think training in comedy, as it were, a history writing comedy, is a powerful tool for anyone.

~Steven Moffat

I'd forgotten not all victories are about saving the universe.

~Steven Moffat

Like most writers, I write about what has happened to me as that involves the minimum amount of research.

~Steven Moffat

My priorities are where they should be, which is making really great, really exciting television.

~Steven Moffat

The way you get your script to the right people is that you put it in an envelope. It's easy. The difficult bit is writing something that is so good people will take a punt on a brand new writer.

~Steven Moffat

People don't really have a relationship with great writing or great production or great art direction or great direction. They just sort of admire it.

~Steven Moffat

You'll go out of business if you think people are stupid.

~Steven Moffat

I think of myself as a writer with a sense of humour rather than a comedy writer. Happy to tell a story with lots of jokes in it - I wouldn't know how to do jokes without the story.

~Steven Moffat

Twins are under-represented in the media. Hamlet - never twins. Hamlet Twins Of Denmark. King And Queen Lear. It would work. Come on, more twins on television.

~Steven Moffat

I hope I won't become hated by geeks everywhere, but I don't really know comic books all that well.

~Steven Moffat

It's been a long time since Sherlock Holmes jumped off that roof - it's time to reveal the truth about what happened between him and the pavement.

~Steven Moffat

I never go online. The Internet stuff is bonkers. You must not look at it.

~Steven Moffat

As we all know, it is the proper duty of every British subject to come to the aid of the TARDIS.

~Steven Moffat

I was called a misogynist because I was reducing women to mothers. 'Reducing women to mothers' - now there is possibly the most anti-women statement I've heard.

~Steven Moffat

Have you met the French? My...GOD they know how to party!



~Steven Moffat

Writing for adults often means just increasing the swearing - but find an alternative to swearing and you've probably got a better line.

~Steven Moffat

I always rip out the last page of a book. Then it doesn't have to end. I hate endings!

~Steven Moffat

Amy: I had something I wanted to tell him. Stuff always gets in the way.  
Canton: Stuff does that.

~Steven Moffat

You don't want to take over the universe. You wouldn't know what to do with it beyond shout at it.

~Steven Moffat

I always tend to favor the newer idea.

~Steven Moffat

Between the marriages, I shagged my way round television studios like a mechanical digger.

~Steven Moffat

Amy: I never knew you drank wine. Doctor: I'm 1103 I must have drunk it sometime in my life. \*takes sip and spits it out in disgust\*

~Steven Moffat

Well we've moved through the funfair a bit - we've done the rollercoaster, now we're on the ghost train.

~Steven Moffat

The Doctor: It's my nose; it has special powers. Nancy: Yeah? That

why it's so...? The Doctor: What? Nancy: Nothing. The Doctor: What? Nancy: Nothing. Do your ears have special powers too?

~Steven Moffat

Madame Kovarian: The anger of a good man is not a problem. Good men have too many rules. The Doctor: Good men don't need rules. Today is not the day to find out why I have so many.

~Steven Moffat

Brainy's the new sexy.

~Steven Moffat

So is this how it works Doctor? You never interfere with the affairs of other peoples or planets, unless there are children crying?

~Steven Moffat

Though the man above might say hello, expect no love from the beast below

~Steven Moffat

The difference between a beautifully made failure and a beautifully made hit is who you've got playing the leads.

~Steven Moffat

Being the only writer on a successful show is very rewarding.

~Steven Moffat

Never ignore a coincidence. Unless you're busy, in which case, always ignore a coincidence.

~Steven Moffat

Kathy Nightingale: What's good about sad? Sally Sparrow: It's happy for deep people.

~Steven Moffat

You can be as beautiful and charming as you'd like, but if you're not terrific at acting, it will mean nothing on the screen.

~Steven Moffat

You have to take your own bold approach, and if you do you will be rewarded with success. Or calamitous failure. That can happen too.

~Steven Moffat

You should always waste time when you don't have any. Time is not the boss of you. Rule 408.

~Steven Moffat

It's a fez. I wear a fez now. Fezes are cool.

~Steven Moffat

Witty and mean is easy - but fond and funny is hard.

~Steven Moffat

Rule 1: The Doctor lies.

~Steven Moffat

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