

Tamora Pierce

Quotes

*Thinking, People, Men, Girl, Eye, Want, Book, Long, Writing, Cat, Boys, Horse,
Years, Wish, Fighting, Heart, Believe, Stupid, Real, Looks*

Money talks and walks, but it does not bark.

~Tamora Pierce

You look as scary as a buttered muffin.

~Tamora Pierce

Without patience, magic would be undiscovered - in rushing everything, we would never hear its whisper inside.

~Tamora Pierce

Threats are the last resort of a man with no vocabulary.

~Tamora Pierce

It's harder to heal than it is to kill.

~Tamora Pierce

I myself have noticed my growing resemblance to a daffodil.

~Tamora Pierce

Waves are the voices of tides. Tides are life.

~Tamora Pierce

Didn't they realize that the only way to change things was to act?

~Tamora Pierce

Without reading, we are all without light in the dark, without fire in the cold.

~Tamora Pierce

Waves are the voices of tides. Tides are life," murmured Niko. "They bring new food for shore creatures, and take ships out to sea. They are the ocean's pulse, and our own heartbeat.

~Tamora Pierce

Libraries are places where the damaged go to find friends

~Tamora Pierce

Someday I must read this scholar Everyone. He seems to have written so much--all of it wrong.

~Tamora Pierce

I will tell the stork-man.

~Tamora Pierce

Never break a promise to an animal. They're like babies—they won't understand.

~Tamora Pierce

Better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.

~Tamora Pierce

Sweetheart, never listen to what my enemies say. They're very confused people. I know they are because I've spent years making them that way.

~Tamora Pierce

I well knew the rules to follow with our training Dogs: Speak when you're spoken to. Keep out of the way. Obey all orders. Get killed on your own time.

~Tamora Pierce

When in doubt, shoot the wizard.

~Tamora Pierce

I want to marry her, when I grow up to be a man.

~Tamora Pierce

So long as there are nobles and commoners, the wealthy and the poor,

those with power will be heard, and those without ignored. That's the world.

~Tamora Pierce

I distrust any advice that contains the words 'ought' or 'should'.

~Tamora Pierce

Daja doesn't exactly need to be tested on whether she's honorable or not.

~Tamora Pierce

I truly love our Code of Chivalry. We are taught that noblemen must take everything and say nothing. Noblemen must stand alone. Well, we're men, and men aren't born to stand alone.

~Tamora Pierce

You know, ogres only sound stupid. Most are pretty smart." "And it's a shallow person who judges anyone by the way they sound. I'm so shallow I'm surprised I don't reflect myself.

~Tamora Pierce

The Lower City is MINE, Its People are MINE. If I Find Them That's Doing All This Kidnapping And Murdering, They'd Best Pray For Mercy, Because Once I Get My Teeth In 'Em I Will NEVER Let Them Go.

~Tamora Pierce

Why do boys say someone acts like a girl as if it were an insult?

~Tamora Pierce

I believe that we haven't begun to understand the many forces that bind the physical world, any more than we understand our own minds and what they're capable of.

~Tamora Pierce

Your life might be easier if you were. A fool for love is happier than a Dog with a heart that's all leather.

~Tamora Pierce

As long as there's life, there's hope.

~Tamora Pierce

Fear is a good thing. It mean you're paying attention.

~Tamora Pierce

My new knight mistress is famed for wielding sharp edges: Sword, Knife and Tongue!

~Tamora Pierce

A bully fights people littler and weaker than he is because he thinks it's fun.

~Tamora Pierce

Alan, you seem to think we won't like you unless you do things just like everyone else. Have you ever thought we might like you because you're different?

~Tamora Pierce

If we just allowed women and men more leeway in our culture and more acceptance, I think they would be able to make better compromises.

~Tamora Pierce

A cat understands how to be pleasant in the morning. He doesn't talk.

~Tamora Pierce

We'll be chopped up before you can say 'King Maggot'.

~Tamora Pierce

Military folk," Neal said with exaggerated patience, shaking his head. "The only way you know to solve problems is by beating them with a stick.

~Tamora Pierce

I swear the sparrows called us ten kinds of idiot when we did it.

~Tamora Pierce

You're an obnoxious canker-blossom. Go ooze somewhere else.

~Tamora Pierce

Why do I get the feeling that if you give me a hard time, I'll tell all of our year-mates your family nickname is Meathead?

~Tamora Pierce

When people say a knight's job is all glory, I laugh and laugh and laugh. Often I can stop laughing before they edge away and talk about soothing drinks.

~Tamora Pierce

I'm about to commence four years of obeying the cause of a bruiser on a horse. I refuse to put down what might be the last book I see for months.

~Tamora Pierce

He's just rather more lively than most fossils.

~Tamora Pierce

This may be my only chance to see humans before these two are made into fertilizer for Moonwind's rosebushes.

~Tamora Pierce

it's your own fault for encouraging him..., you know. Now he thinks he's a human being. Neal of Queens cove

~Tamora Pierce

Books are still the main yardstick by which I measure true wealth.

~Tamora Pierce

She rides as a man, goes unveiled as a man, fights as a man. Let her prove herself worthy as a man, worthy of her weapons and of our friendship.

~Tamora Pierce

We're on a hunt, Cooper. When you're on a hunt, you do whatever it takes.

~Tamora Pierce

You are the Protector of the Small. You see real people in the humans and animals overlooked by your peers. There will always be work for you.

~Tamora Pierce

The first thing every mage should learn is that magic makes fools of us. Now you may call yourself a mage. You have learned the most important lesson.

~Tamora Pierce

Evvy: "Is she going to eat Jooba-hooba? She looks like she's going to bite him, at least." Briar: "No €" if she bit him, he'd die.

~Tamora Pierce

Daja: "He and Rosethorn work together? They hate each other." Lark: "I didn't say they liked it. - Daja and Lark referring to Rosethorn and Crane's cooperation on finding the cures for new diseases

~Tamora Pierce

I was stark raving mad, and my family was too polite to mention it.

That's what living with the Yamanis does to people. They get so well-mannered they won't mention you're crazy.

~Tamora Pierce

She would have kissed him, if she kissed stupid men.

~Tamora Pierce

There is power and there is power, my dear. My power can be vast, in the right places.

~Tamora Pierce

Tortall and the Queens Riders!

~Tamora Pierce

If you look hard and long, you can find us. If you listen hard and long, you can hear any of us, call any of us that you wish.

~Tamora Pierce

Shouldn't you know what love's like, before you begin renouncin' it"
George Cooper

~Tamora Pierce

When it was her own doing, she was always tempted to skip a day, or just glance down, then get back to the ground. Kel had to force herself to keep her vow.

~Tamora Pierce

Not one word," Kel warned. "Tobe and I have reached an understanding." Neal's lips twitched. "Why do I feel you did most of the understanding.

~Tamora Pierce

You mortals are like fish swimming in a globe of glass. That globe is your world. You do not see beyond it.

~Tamora Pierce

Do you know, sire, I think that if we live to tell our grandchildren about this war, they will accuse us of making it up.' -Marielle

~Tamora Pierce

A good friend will help you up when you fall. A best friend will laugh and try to trip you again. - I'm not sure

~Tamora Pierce

Don't call me 'gentleman'. I work for a livin'.

~Tamora Pierce

You've been nipping at cook's wine!!

~Tamora Pierce

Thus went my first Court Day. I think i'm going to puke.

~Tamora Pierce

Every now and then I like to do as I'm told, just to confuse people.

~Tamora Pierce

I'd like to find whoever taught the Stump that extra work builds character and push him down the stairs," Neal told Kel at lunch.

~Tamora Pierce

A library is a gateway to others' minds, hearts, and lives.

~Tamora Pierce

Ozorne, my precious, where are you? - Rikash Moonsword

~Tamora Pierce

I am not wise, but I can always learn.

~Tamora Pierce

My heart bleeds buttermilk. -Daine

~Tamora Pierce

If you've a story, make sure it's a whole one, with details close to hand. It's the difference between a good lie and getting caught.

~Tamora Pierce

Stefan spat. "Oh, aye, he fell. O' course, Master Ralon helped him fall, several times. Poor li'l tyke didn't have a chance.

~Tamora Pierce

Cats aren't special advisers. They advise us all the time, whether we want them to or no.

~Tamora Pierce

I wish you would thrash him. He deserves it." She looked back at him. "I will one day, sir. I'm getting tired of falling down.

~Tamora Pierce

There is a saying in the Islands. Beware the women of the warrior class, for all they touch is both decorative and deadly.-Yuki

~Tamora Pierce

Moral issues rarely have yes or no answers. -Myles to Alanna when she asks about the Gift

~Tamora Pierce

And if wishes were pies, I'd weigh more than I do. Sir Myles of Barony Olau

~Tamora Pierce

Excuse me," she said politely. "But you can't have him. Not yet. He's going to come back with me.

~Tamora Pierce

George looked at her for a long moment. Finally he replied, "And why do you find it so hard to think someone might like you and want to do things for you?"

~Tamora Pierce

Well, laddie, if you've let an old buzzard like me hurt you confidence, you couldn't have had much in the first place.

~Tamora Pierce

Scary with you is better than scary without you

~Tamora Pierce

Men don't think and differently from women - they just make more noise about being able to.

~Tamora Pierce

Girl, boy or dancing bear, you're the finest page-the finest squire-to-be-at court." (Jon to Alanna)

~Tamora Pierce

What if custom is wrong? demanded the part of her that believed in the code of chivalry. A knight must set things right.

~Tamora Pierce

Don't you ever get tired of asking questions?' 'Never. They're mother's milk to me.

~Tamora Pierce

You have an audience that is fairly well grounded in the real world. You serve them and yourself best by making everything as real as possible.

~Tamora Pierce

Do we say, Oh now I'm going to be nice to the weak and the small? Or do we do as we learned when we were pages?

~Tamora Pierce

With each book, in each place, I have to keep an ongoing map as I write because otherwise I don't know where I am.

~Tamora Pierce

You are brave, kicking a chained prisoner. They must sing heroic ballads about you on winter nights!" (Alanna)

~Tamora Pierce

We live in a dark time. Books are as dark as what is available to teenagers through the media every day.

~Tamora Pierce

[P]ride is something only folk with money can afford.

~Tamora Pierce

Not all nine-fingered girls have hatchets, she said in Tradertalk. Some of us just tried to have a conversation with a snapping turtle. (Sandry to Daja, referring to her conversation with Tris.)

~Tamora Pierce

I'm sick of this. Call me what you like, say I'm without honor, I don't care. I'm not getting on any more horses to whack you people with a stick.

~Tamora Pierce

Marriage is for noblewomen with nothing else to do.

~Tamora Pierce

I've said it before and I'll say it again, my lord. You are an evil man.

~Tamora Pierce

free time is an illusion. It's what you get when you die and the gods

reward you for a life spent working from dawn until midnight.

~Tamora Pierce

If you have to hit--hit low.

~Tamora Pierce

I said I fell down. Ah. The ground bloodied your nose, split yer lip, and punched ye in th' eye, all at once. I said I don't want to talk about it.

~Tamora Pierce

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