

Tana French Quotes

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Some people are little Chernobyls, shimmering with silent, spreading poison: get anywhere near them and every breath you take will wreck you from the inside out.

~Tana French

I wanted to tell her that being loved is a talent too, that it takes as much guts and as much work as loving; that some people, for whatever reason, never learn the knack

~Tana French

Her forehead was a maze of anxious little grooves, from a lifetime of wondering about whether everyone within range was OK.

~Tana French

A bore or an uggo might manage not to get up anyone's nose, but if a girl's got brains and looks and personality, she's going to piss someone off, somewhere along the way.

~Tana French

Don't you ever feel that - that you just need to get away? From everything? That it's all too much?

~Tana French

I hate nostalgia, it's laziness with prettier accessories.

~Tana French

We think about mortality so little, these days, except to flail hysterically at it with trendy forms of exercise and high-fiber cereals and nicotine patches.

~Tana French

The thing about being a mystery writer, what marks a mystery writer out from a chick lit author or historical fiction writer, is that you always find a mystery in every situation.

~Tana French

I had been right: freedom smelled like ozone and thunderstorms and gunpowder all at once, like snow and bonfires and cut grass, it tasted like seawater and oranges.

~Tana French

I don't do that kind of negativity. If you put your energy into thinking about how much the fall would hurt, you're already halfway down.

~Tana French

Some people should never meet.

~Tana French

For a moment, I felt as if the universe had turned upside down and we were falling softly into an enormous black bowl of stars, and I knew, beyond any doubt, that everything was going to be alright.

~Tana French

I found out early that you can throw yourself away, missing what you've lost.

~Tana French

I came from a house full of books, so I took reading for granted. I was an outdoorsy little kid, too, so I got the best of both worlds by taking books up trees and reading there.

~Tana French

Everyone else we knew growing up is the same: image of their parents, no matter how loud they told themselves they'd be different

~Tana French

I like writing about big turning points, where professional and personal lives coalesce, where the boundaries are coming down, and you're

faced with a set of choices which will change life forever.

~Tana French

I thought I could never write a proper book; I'd never done it before. But I thought I could write a sequence. Then I had a chapter. The next thing I knew I was turning acting down.

~Tana French

I am, of course, romanticizing; a chronic tendency of mine.

~Tana French

I am not good at noticing when I'm happy, except in retrospect.

~Tana French

My memories of them had rubbed thin with overuse, worn to frail color transparencies flickering on the walls of my mind...

~Tana French

What I am telling you, before you begin my story, is this -- two things: I crave truth. And I lie.

~Tana French

Maybe she, like me, would have loved the tiny details and inconveniences even more dearly than the wonders, because they are the things that prove you belong.

~Tana French

We were still at the age when girls are years older than guy, and the guys grow up by doing their best when the girls need them to.

~Tana French

With acting, you have to depend on somebody else to decide if you are allowed to work. You can spend weeks and months when you are not acting at all.

~Tana French

Here's a little tip for you. If you don't like being called a murderer, don't kill people.

~Tana French

Both back when I was acting and now that I'm writing, I've always wanted the same thing out of my career: to be able to get up in the morning and do what I love doing.

~Tana French

I love writing. I feel ridiculously lucky that this is what I get to do all day.

~Tana French

Sometimes, when you're close to someone, you miss things. Other people can see them, but you can't.

~Tana French

Ireland is such a young society. The British were the ruling class up until they left about a hundred years ago, and we've been trying to work out what our class hierarchy is ever since.

~Tana French

Most people are only too delighted to wreck each other's heads. And for the tiny minority who do their pathetic best not to, this world is going to go right ahead and make sure they do it anyway.

~Tana French

I have always been caught by the pull of the unremarkable, by the easily missed, infinitely nourishing beauty of the mundane.

~Tana French

I'm still very much in the apprentice stage of writing. I read somewhere that you need to write a million words before you know what you're

doing - so I'm headed that way, but I'm nowhere near there.

~Tana French

... I stayed because running seemed too strange and too complicated. All I knew was how to fall back, find a patch of solid ground, and then dig my heels in and fight to start over.

~Tana French

Time works so hard for us, if only we can let it.

~Tana French

But give me more credit than that. Someone else may have dealt the hand, but I picked it up off the table, I played every card, and I had my reasons.

~Tana French

When we can't see a pattern, we fit pieces together until one takes shape, because we have to.

~Tana French

I wasn't sure I could make it through another hour of his company without throwing my stapler at his head.

~Tana French

My father told me once that the most important thing every man should know is what he would die for.

~Tana French

One of my da's tragedies was always the fact that he was bright enough to understand just how comprehensively he had shat all over his life.

~Tana French

Take what you want and pay for it, says God. You can have anything

you want, as long as you accept that there is a price and you will have to pay it.

~Tana French

You don't have to like your family, you don't even have to spend time with them, to know them right down to the bone.

~Tana French

When you're too close to people, when you spend too much time with them and love them too dearly, sometimes you can't see them

~Tana French

I weaned myself on the nostalgia equivalent of methadone (less addictive, less obvious, less likely to make you crazy): missing what I had never had.

~Tana French

If you rewrite a paragraph fifty times and forty-nine of them are terrible, that's fine; you only need to get it right once.

~Tana French

Sarte was right, Hell is other people

~Tana French

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