

# Terry Brooks Quotes

*Writing, Thinking, Book, Want, Magic, Imagination, Use, Giving, Might, Princess,  
Cat, World, Real, Feelings, Mazes, Men, Identity, Important, Dream, Sight*

Hurt leads to bitterness, bitterness to anger, travel too far that road and the way is lost.

~Terry Brooks

This is for writers yet to be published who think the uphill climb will never end. Keep believing. This is also for published writers grown jaded by the process. Remember how lucky you are.

~Terry Brooks

The muse whispers to you when she chooses, and you can't tell her to come back later, because you quickly learn in this business that she might not come back at all.

~Terry Brooks

If you do not hear music in your words, you have put too much thought into your writing and not enough heart.

~Terry Brooks

We live out our lives as we are meant to live them-with some choice, with some chance, but mostly as a result of the persons we are.

~Terry Brooks

We forget that what matters begins with the imagination.

~Terry Brooks

Fear is a fire to temper courage and resolve. Use it so.

~Terry Brooks

Growing up, I didn't have a lot of toys, and personal entertainment depended on individual ingenuity and imagination - think up a story and go live it for an afternoon.

~Terry Brooks

We must nurture and love, if life is to have any real meaning. But First

we must find a way to survive against the things that prevent us from doing so.

~Terry Brooks

Why pretend to be something you're not? If you have to be someone, be someone no one else is.

~Terry Brooks

Fantasy is the only canvas large enough for me to paint on.

~Terry Brooks

My breakthrough as a reader was when I discovered the European adventure story writers - Alexander Dumas, Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir Walter Scott, to name a few.

~Terry Brooks

You can either give in to what you're feeling, just say 'okay, enough is enough' and be done with it, or you can fight it.

~Terry Brooks

We are constantly being put to the test by trying circumstances and difficult people and problems not necessarily of our own making.

~Terry Brooks

Deception is mostly a game we play with ourselves.

~Terry Brooks

In bad weather, I spent hours drawing action figures on paper, coloring them, backing them on cardboard, then cutting them out and creating whole stories around their lives.

~Terry Brooks

I didn't want readers to have to make allowances for what they couldn't see, but to be able to say to themselves that the fabric of the magic

detailed was perfectly believable.

~Terry Brooks

What kind of world permitted such terrible injustice, where good men were stripped of everything and soulless creatures of malice and hatred survived to glory in their pointless death?

~Terry Brooks

On the other hand, I still approach each book with the same basic plan in mind - to put some people under severe stress and see how they hold up.

~Terry Brooks

THE NAME OF THE WIND marks the debut of a writer we would all do well to watch. Patrick Rothfuss has real talent, and his tale of Kvothe is deep and intricate and wondrous.

~Terry Brooks

I want to kick-start your imagination and let you discover the places it can take you.

~Terry Brooks

Anyway, several rewrites later, Del Rey Books did publish my first novel, and it did become the first work of fiction on the New York Times trade paperback bestseller list.

~Terry Brooks

A world in which elves exist and magic works offers greater opportunities to digress and explore.

~Terry Brooks

Might have, could have, may have, should haveâ€”the haves and have nots reduced to pointless possibilities.

~Terry Brooks

It's better to die in pursuit of your dreams than to live a life without hope.

~Terry Brooks

I want you, as a reader, to experience what I experience, to let that other world, that imaginary world that I have created, tell you things about the real world.

~Terry Brooks

You shouldn't believe everything you hear you're young, not stupid.

~Terry Brooks

Testing of self is a regular part of our own lives, so it seems natural to make it a part of the lives of my characters, as well, albeit on a much different level.

~Terry Brooks

The future is an ever-shifting maze of possibilities until it becomes the present

~Terry Brooks

...[Y]ou have an inner strength that makes it possible for you to do things other people couldn't even begin to think of doing.

~Terry Brooks

After all, you put a lot into creating a universe and everything that goes with it, and it seems a shame to use it only once.

~Terry Brooks

When I was a kid, we had to rely on our imaginations for entertainment.

~Terry Brooks

If you don't think there is magic in writing, you probably won't write

anything magical.

~Terry Brooks

The reader wants to see something happen between pages one and four hundred, and nothing happens if the characters don't change.

~Terry Brooks

Faith, Princess," the Prism Cat repeated. "It is a highly underrated weapon against the dark things in this world.

~Terry Brooks

If you are always frightened for yourself you can't act, and then life loses its purpose. You just have to tell yourself that, when you get right down to it, you don't matter all that much.

~Terry Brooks

I have learned to do more with less, so you don't see the big books anymore.

~Terry Brooks

Evil contained is not evil destroyed.

~Terry Brooks

What you write chooses you.

~Terry Brooks

Herein lies the heart and soul of the nations. Their right to be free men, Their desire to live in peace, Their courage to seek out truth, Herein lies the Sword of Shannara.

~Terry Brooks

Who would you be but who you are?

~Terry Brooks

The more complex and overwhelming the threat to a protagonist, the better the opportunity for the author to create a compelling conflict and a dramatic resolution.

~Terry Brooks

What I want to write about has changed somewhat, and the scope of the storytelling has changed accordingly.

~Terry Brooks

I think I make better use of language and imagery than when I started out.

~Terry Brooks

For a writer, its very attractive to stay in one world for a time.

~Terry Brooks

My interests are different now than they were thirty years ago.

~Terry Brooks

Well, I think that as a country, we've drifted away from appreciating the importance of imagination.

~Terry Brooks

Even after Sword was published, I was still only thinking about the next book, Elfstones.

~Terry Brooks

There is much to admire in Peter Brett's writing, and his concept is brilliant. There's action and suspense all the way.

~Terry Brooks

The Golden Compass is one of the best fantasy / adventure stories that I have read. This is a book no one should miss.

~Terry Brooks

I am incomplete without my work. I am so closely bound to it, so much identified by it, that without it I think I would crumble into dust and drift away.

~Terry Brooks

She has her gown nicely in place tonight, doesn't she? Black velvet and sparkles, not a thread left hanging. Clever girl, this city. Even the sky is her friend.

~Terry Brooks

I haven't made up my mind about doing anymore Landover books.

~Terry Brooks

If I have the means, I have the responsibility to employ them.

~Terry Brooks

When she cried, he would say, "there is nothing wrong with crying. Your feelings tell you who are. They tell what is important. Don't ever be ashamed of them.

~Terry Brooks

Cats can do whatever they want, whenever they want, without regard to what anyone says or does. Rather like Princesses.

~Terry Brooks

I cannot imagine life without books any more than I can imagine life without breathing.

~Terry Brooks

I might add that you change as a person as you grow older, so you change as a writer, too.

~Terry Brooks

We should not be less than what we are.



~Terry Brooks

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