

# Terry Pratchett Quotes

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There's a saying that all roads lead to Ankh-Morpork. And it's wrong. All roads lead away from Ankh-Morpork, but sometimes people just walk along them the wrong way.

~Terry Pratchett

The worst thing you can do is nothing.

~Terry Pratchett

There are times in life when people must know when not to let go. Balloons are designed to teach small children this.

~Terry Pratchett

Rincewind had always been happy to think of himself as a racist. The One Hundred Meters, the Mile, the Marathon -- he'd run them all.

~Terry Pratchett

Rincewind could scream for mercy in nineteen languages, and just scream in another forty-four.

~Terry Pratchett

Tourist, Rincewind decided, meant "idiot."

~Terry Pratchett

...and the funny thing was that people who weren't entirely certain they were right always argued much louder than other people, as if the main person they were trying to convince were themselves.

~Terry Pratchett

I have, before now, waited for a pen to perform a macro.

~Terry Pratchett

The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.

~Terry Pratchett

You never knew about people, like you never knew how deep a pond was because all you saw was the top.

~Terry Pratchett

Zoology, eh? That's a big word, isn't it." "No, actually it isn't," said Tiffany. "Patronizing is a big word. Zoology is really quite short.

~Terry Pratchett

Light thinks it travels faster than anything but it is wrong. No matter how fast light travels, it finds the darkness has always got there first, and is waiting for it.

~Terry Pratchett

William: "I'm sure we can all pull together, sir." Vetinari: "Oh, I do hope not. Pulling together is the aim of despotism and tyranny. Free men pull in all kinds of directions.

~Terry Pratchett

"Multiple exclamation marks," he went on, shaking his head, "are a sure sign of a diseased mind."

~Terry Pratchett

Most species do their own evolving, making it up as they go along, which is the way Nature intended.

~Terry Pratchett

He moved in a way that suggested he was attempting the world speed record for the nonchalant walk.

~Terry Pratchett

Racism was not a problem on the Discworld, because - what with trolls and dwarfs and so on - speciesism was more interesting. Black and white lived in perfect harmony and ganged up on green.

~Terry Pratchett

If you trust in yourself. . .and believe in your dreams. . .and follow your star. . . you'll still get beaten by people who spent their time working hard and learning things and weren't so lazy.

~Terry Pratchett

You're not allowed to call them dinosaurs any more," said Yo-less. "It's speciesist. You have to call them pre-petroleum persons.

~Terry Pratchett

There is a rumour going around that I have found God. I think this is unlikely because I have enough difficulty finding my keys, and there is empirical evidence that they exist.

~Terry Pratchett

The Kraken stirs. And ten billion sushi dinners cry out for vengeance.

~Terry Pratchett

Joy is to fun what the deep sea is to a puddle. It's a feeling inside that can hardly be contained.

~Terry Pratchett

Never trust a species that grins all the time. It's up to something.

~Terry Pratchett

One day a tortoise will learn how to fly.

~Terry Pratchett

His parents called him Youngster. They did this in the subconscious hope that he might take the hint. Wensleydale gave the impression of having been born with a mental age of 47.

~Terry Pratchett

Nature abhors a lot of things, including vacuums, ships called the Marie Celeste, and the chuck keys for electric drills.

~Terry Pratchett

It was said that life was cheap in Ankh-Morpork. This was of course, completely wrong. Life was often very expensive; you could get death for free.

~Terry Pratchett

Build a man a fire, and he'll be warm for a day. Set a man on fire, and he'll be warm for the rest of his life.

~Terry Pratchett

Luck is my middle name. Mind you, my first name is Bad.

~Terry Pratchett

Just because someone's a member of an ethnic minority doesn't mean they're not a nasty small-minded little jerk [...]

~Terry Pratchett

All assassins had a full-length mirror in their rooms, because it would be a terrible insult to anyone to kill them when you were badly dressed.

~Terry Pratchett

Always remember that the crowd that applauds your coronation is the same crowd that will applaud your beheading. People like a show.

~Terry Pratchett

Mere animals couldn't possibly manage to act like this. You need to be a human being to be really stupid.

~Terry Pratchett

Nanny Ogg looked under her bed in case there was a man there. Well, you never knew your luck.

~Terry Pratchett

What kind of man would put a known criminal in charge of a major branch of government? Apart from, say, the average voter.

~Terry Pratchett

There are, always and only, the bad people, but some of them are on opposite sides.

~Terry Pratchett

The female mind is certainly a devious one, my lord." Vetinari looked at his secretary in surprise. "Well, of course it is. It has to deal with the male one.

~Terry Pratchett

I meant," said Ipslore bitterly, "what is there in this world that truly makes living worthwhile?" Death thought about it. CATS, he said eventually. CATS ARE NICE.

~Terry Pratchett

Ankh-Morpork had dallied with many forms of government and had ended up with that form of democracy known as One Man, One Vote. The Patrician was the Man; he had the Vote.

~Terry Pratchett

Peace?' said Vetinari. 'Ah, yes, defined as period of time to allow for preparation for the next war.

~Terry Pratchett

Given enough coffee I could rule the world

~Terry Pratchett

Its useful to go out of this world and see it from the perspective of another one.

~Terry Pratchett

No one is actually dead until the ripples they cause in the world die away.

~Terry Pratchett

In ancient times cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this.

~Terry Pratchett

The entire universe has been neatly divided into things to (a) mate with, (b) eat, (c) run away from, and (d) rocks.

~Terry Pratchett

Never build a dungeon you wouldn't be happy to spend the night in yourself. The world would be a happier place if more people remembered that.

~Terry Pratchett

Evil begins when you begin to treat people as things.

~Terry Pratchett

Not all questions are answered, but fortunately some answers are questioned.

~Terry Pratchett

The Auditors fluttered anxiously. And, as always happens in their species when something goes radically wrong and needs fixing instantly, they settled down to try to work how who was to blame.

~Terry Pratchett

I'll be more enthusiastic about encouraging thinking outside the box when there's evidence of any thinking going on inside it.

~Terry Pratchett

Wisdom comes from experience. Experience is often a result of lack of

wisdom.

~Terry Pratchett

There were no lies here. All fancies fled away. That's what happened in all deserts. It was just you, and what you believed.

~Terry Pratchett

Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving.

~Terry Pratchett

On the Disc the gods dealt severely with atheists.

~Terry Pratchett

Mind you, the Elizabethans had so many words for the female genitals that it is quite hard to speak a sentence of modern English without inadvertently mentioning at least three of them.

~Terry Pratchett

...inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened.

~Terry Pratchett

Books must be treated with respect, we feel that in our bones, because words have power. Bring enough words together they can bend space and time.

~Terry Pratchett

Taxation, gentlemen, is very much like dairy farming. The task is to extract the maximum amount of milk with the minimum amount of moo.

~Terry Pratchett

Time is a drug. Too much of it kills you.

~Terry Pratchett



Pride is all very well, but a sausage is a sausage.

~Terry Pratchett

This isn't life in the fast lane, it's life in the oncoming traffic.

~Terry Pratchett

A good plan isn't one where someone wins, it's where nobody thinks they've lost.

~Terry Pratchett

You can't trample infidels when you're a tortoise. I mean, all you could do is give them a meaningful look.

~Terry Pratchett

People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it's the other way around.

~Terry Pratchett

They say a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, but it's not one half so bad as a lot of ignorance.

~Terry Pratchett

And when the Patrician was unhappy, he became very democratic. He found intricate and painful ways of spreading that unhappiness as far as possible.

~Terry Pratchett

Of course, Ankh-Morpork's citizens had always claimed that the river water was incredibly pure. Any water that had passed through so many kidneys, they reasoned, had to be very pure indeed.

~Terry Pratchett

You had to hand it to the Patrician, he admitted grudgingly. If you didn't, he sent men to come and take it away.

~Terry Pratchett

The people who really run organizations are usually found several levels down, where it is still possible to get things done.

~Terry Pratchett

The days followed one another patiently. Right back at the beginning of the multiverse they had tried all passing at the same time, and it hadn't worked.

~Terry Pratchett

"I'm sorry, I just got carried away," hissed Aziraphale.

~Terry Pratchett

escapism isn't good or bad in itself. what is important is what you are escaping from and where you are escaping to.

~Terry Pratchett

Geography is just physics slowed down, with a couple of trees stuck in it.

~Terry Pratchett

He had about the same life expectancy as a three legged hedgehog on a six lane motorway.

~Terry Pratchett

Tomorrow is the first day of the rest of our lives.

~Terry Pratchett

In the beginning there was nothing, which exploded.

~Terry Pratchett

A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores.

~Terry Pratchett

It doesn't stop being magic just because you know how it works.

~Terry Pratchett

Writing is the most fun you can have by yourself.

~Terry Pratchett

You've got a lot of time for abstract thought when you've got your hand stuck up a dead badger.

~Terry Pratchett

Be careful what you wish for. You never know who will be listening.

~Terry Pratchett

Divide by cucumber error. Please reinstall universe and reboot.

~Terry Pratchett

But of course, what the eagle does not realize is that it is participating in a very crude form of natural selection. One day a tortoise will learn how to fly.

~Terry Pratchett

Maybe the only significant difference between a really smart simulation and a human being was the noise they made when you punched them.

~Terry Pratchett

Lord Vetinari lifted an eyebrow with the care of one who, having found a piece of caterpillar in his salad, raises the rest of the lettuce.

~Terry Pratchett

I thought unicorns were more . . . Fluffy.

~Terry Pratchett

Go on, prove me wrong. Destroy the fabric of the universe. See if I care.

~Terry Pratchett

Voodoo is a very interesting religion for the whole family, even those members of it who are dead.

~Terry Pratchett

Soon to come in licorice, orange, cinnamon, and banana, but not strawberry, because I hate strawberries.

~Terry Pratchett

Chaos is found in greatest abundance wherever order is being sought. It always defeats order, because it is better organized.

~Terry Pratchett

Only in our dreams are we free. The rest of the time we need wages.

~Terry Pratchett

So, mistletoe, in fact, symbolizes mistletoe.

~Terry Pratchett

It is often said that before you die your life passes before your eyes. It is in fact true. It's called living.

~Terry Pratchett

The presence of those seeking the truth is infinitely to be preferred to the presence of those who think they've found it.

~Terry Pratchett

'My name is immaterial,' she said. 'That's a pretty name,' said Rincewind.

~Terry Pratchett

She was beautiful, but she was beautiful in the way a forest fire was beautiful: something to be admired from a distance, not up close.

~Terry Pratchett

He was the sort of person who stood on mountaintops during thunderstorms in wet copper armour shouting 'All the Gods are bastards.'

~Terry Pratchett

Neither of my parents went to church, but they did everything that you needed to do to be Christian. That's something a Quaker would call an intimation of the divine.

~Terry Pratchett

If you have let pride get the better of you, then you have already lost, but if you grab pride by the scruff of the neck and ride it like a stallion, then you may have already won.

~Terry Pratchett

The universe, they said, depended for its operation on the balance of four forces which they identified as charm, persuasion, uncertainty and bloody-mindedness.

~Terry Pratchett

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