

# Tess Gerritsen

## Quotes

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Believe, Journey, Monsters, Falling In Love, Want, Knows, Moving, Christmas,  
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The dead do not hurt you; only the living do.

~Tess Gerritsen

That's what falling in love really amounted to, your brain on drugs. Adrenaline and dopamine, oxytocin and serotonin. Chemical insanity, celebrated by poets.

~Tess Gerritsen

Only the forgotten are truly dead.

~Tess Gerritsen

We dream our dreams, and sometimes they take us to places we never anticipate. But they are our dreams, and we go where they lead.

~Tess Gerritsen

Where we go depends on what we know, and what we know depends on where we go.

~Tess Gerritsen

The most intimate feeling people can share is neither love nor hate, but pain.

~Tess Gerritsen

The one man you most want to sleep with may be the worst choice of all.

~Tess Gerritsen

The Christmas tree, twinkling with lights, had a mountain of gifts piled up beneath it, like offerings to the great god of excess.

~Tess Gerritsen

Death does not discriminate; whether saints or sinners, in the end, all are equal.

~Tess Gerritsen

The most dangerous enemy in the world is the one you do not recognize.

~Tess Gerritsen

Everything's a gamble, love most of all.

~Tess Gerritsen

No man easily admits that he is afraid.

~Tess Gerritsen

The heart makes its choices without weighing the consequences. It doesn't look ahead to the lonely nights that follow.

~Tess Gerritsen

We never know until the beast of opportunity is staring us in the face.

~Tess Gerritsen

My childhood was spent in my local library in a San Diego suburb. It's where I became a writer - by 1st becoming a reader!

~Tess Gerritsen

She now knew her death was inevitable, and with that acceptance came liberation. The courage of the condemned.

~Tess Gerritsen

She was the only woman in the homicide unit, and already there had been problems between her and another detective, charges of sexual harassment, countercharges of unrelenting bitchiness.

~Tess Gerritsen

If I were stranded on a desert island, the one book I would have with me would be the Bible. There are enough stories in the Bible to keep you engaged for years.

~Tess Gerritsen

There is honor between bitches

~Tess Gerritsen

Sometimes, the stars line up, the gods smile, and love gets a fighting chance. Just a chance. That's all it can really hope for. No guarantees, no certainties

~Tess Gerritsen

Only with maturity did I come to appreciate my own Chinese roots: not just the food and the ancient history, but also the philosophy of child-rearing and the respect for education and knowledge.

~Tess Gerritsen

We are all descended from monsters.

~Tess Gerritsen

Motherhood didn't make you stronger; it made you vulnerable and afraid of what death could steal from you.

~Tess Gerritsen

Evil doesn't die. It never dies. It just takes on a new face, a new name. Just because we've been touched by it once, it doesn't mean we're immune to ever being hurt again. Lightning can strike twice.

~Tess Gerritsen

Parenthood is nothing but doubts.

~Tess Gerritsen

We are not as impervious as we think we are. - Dr Maura Isles

~Tess Gerritsen

I know there's evil in the world, and there always has been. But you don't need to believe in Satan or demons to explain it. Human beings are perfectly capable of evil all by themselves.

~Tess Gerritsen

When you're a fifty-year-old woman, no one really bothers to look at you anymore, much less value your opinion. It's hard on the old ego. But damn, it does make it easy to get away with a lot.

~Tess Gerritsen

Sometimes, the person who could make you happiest is the one who waits patiently in the wings.

~Tess Gerritsen

... he knew that the cruelest of blows too often came with a smile.

~Tess Gerritsen

The best heroes in the world are the reluctant ones. Courage isn't fearlessness - it's acting in the face of fear.

~Tess Gerritsen

If you want to remain at liberty, I suggest you not antagonize your defenders.

~Tess Gerritsen

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