

Vera Nazarian Quotes

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Never look directly at the sun. Instead, look at the sunflower.

~Vera Nazarian

The pyramid shape is said to hold many secrets and amazing properties. One of them is a sense of wonder.

~Vera Nazarian

Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light.

~Vera Nazarian

A woman is human. She is not better, wiser, stronger, more intelligent, more creative, or more responsible than a man. Likewise, she is never less. Equality is a given. A woman is human.

~Vera Nazarian

The nutcracker sits under the holiday tree, a guardian of childhood stories. Feed him walnuts and he will crack open a tale.

~Vera Nazarian

Sunrise paints the sky with pinks and the sunset with peaches. Cool to warm. So is the progression from childhood to old age.

~Vera Nazarian

Was it you or I who stumbled first? It does not matter. The one of us who finds the strength to get up first, must help the other.

~Vera Nazarian

Patience is not a virtue. It is an achievement.

~Vera Nazarian

A boomerang returns back to the person who throws it. But first, while moving in a circle, it hits its target. So does gossip.

~Vera Nazarian

Each letter of the alphabet is a steadfast loyal soldier in a great army of words, sentences, paragraphs, and stories. One letter falls, and the entire language falters.

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Fantasy, at its best, is balm for the soul. But it is faulty logic to assume that balm is necessarily mind-numbing anesthesia.

~Vera Nazarian

Being smart as a whip includes knowing when not to crack it.

~Vera Nazarian

It's easier for a rich man to ride that camel through the eye of a needle directly into the Kingdom of Heaven, than for some of us to give up our cell phone.

~Vera Nazarian

If you have never changed your mind about some fundamental tenet of your belief, if you have never questioned the basics, and if you have no wish to do so, then you are likely ignorant.

~Vera Nazarian

Sometimes, reaching out and taking someone's hand is the beginning of a journey. At other times, it is allowing another to take yours.

~Vera Nazarian

Luck is not as random as you think. Before that lottery ticket won the jackpot, someone had to buy it.

~Vera Nazarian

A fine glass vase goes from treasure to trash, the moment it is broken.

Fortunately, something else happens to you and me. Pick up your pieces. Then, help me gather mine.

~Vera Nazarian

Withhold a smile only when the smile can hurt someone. Otherwise, let it bloom forth in a riot.

~Vera Nazarian

The master of the garden is the one who waters it, trims the branches, plants the seeds, and pulls the weeds. If you merely stroll through the garden, you are but an acolyte.

~Vera Nazarian

If Music is a Place -- then Jazz is the City, Folk is the Wilderness, Rock is the Road, Classical is a Temple.

~Vera Nazarian

Don't be afraid of the dark. Shine!

~Vera Nazarian

Even for the people who are color-blind to any degree, I believe their experience would also be affected [in Lords of Rainbow] if everyone else too only perceived the world in colorless monochrome.

~Vera Nazarian

Don't let a loud few determine the nature of the sound. It makes for poor harmony and diminishes the song.

~Vera Nazarian

A wise person is like a smoothly polished rock: it takes time to become either.

~Vera Nazarian

The world is shaped by two things -- stories told and the memories

they leave behind.

~Vera Nazarian

Not every puzzle is intended to be solved. Some are in place to test your limits. Others are, in fact, not puzzles at all.

~Vera Nazarian

The only thing faster than the speed of thought is the speed of forgetfulness. Good thing we have other people to help us remember.

~Vera Nazarian

The great miraculous bell of translucent ice is suspended in mid-air. It rings to announce endings and beginnings. And it rings because there is fresh promise and wonder in the skies.

~Vera Nazarian

Dangling a carrot in front of a donkeyâ€”or anyone else for that matterâ€”is not nice, and not fair, unless you eventually plan to give it up to them.

~Vera Nazarian

Neither sugar nor salt tastes particularly good by itself. Each is at its best when used to season other things. Love is the same way. Use it to "season" people.

~Vera Nazarian

When tough times come, it is particularly important to offset them with much gentle softness. Be a pillow.

~Vera Nazarian

Is it folly to believe in something that is intangible? After all, some of the greatest intangibles are Love, Hope, and Wonder. Another is Deity. The choice to be a fool is yours.

~Vera Nazarian

In the kingdom of glass everything is transparent, and there is no place to hide a dark heart.

~Vera Nazarian

Instructions are never included. They vary with the strength of your ability to see, the measure of your selective blindness, the limits of your mercy, and the intensity of your desire.

~Vera Nazarian

Whenever you go on a trip to visit foreign lands or distant places, remember that they are all someone's home and backyard.

~Vera Nazarian

Some people prefer eating dessert to the main course. These people have never been really hungry.

~Vera Nazarian

There's a difference between playing and playing games. The former is an act of joy, the latter "an act.

~Vera Nazarian

Incidentally, the world is magical. Magic is simply what's off our human scale... at the moment.

~Vera Nazarian

I think fantasy literature is the one true literature of hope and imagination.

~Vera Nazarian

Sometimes, being true to yourself means changing your mind. Self changes, and you follow.

~Vera Nazarian

The heartland lies where the heart longs to be. Sometimes it takes a

lifetime to find the true place to plant it.

~Vera Nazarian

Use this day to do something daring, extraordinary and unlike yourself. Take a chance and shape a different pattern in your personal cloud of probability!

~Vera Nazarian

Stick around long enough to be someone's friend. Because true friendship, once recognized, in its essence is effortless.

~Vera Nazarian

Every story needs to be worth telling.

~Vera Nazarian

Imagine a delicious glass of summer iced tea. Take a long cool sip. Listen to the ice crackle and clink. Is the glass part full or part empty? Take another sip. And now?

~Vera Nazarian

The ocean is a place of skin, rich outer membranes hiding thick juicy insides, laden with the soup of being.

~Vera Nazarian

Strange dreams are better than no dreams at all.

~Vera Nazarian

We often engage the defense mechanism of tunnel vision, just to keep ourselves focused on our daily lives. This makes us terribly jaded in our perception of what is really around us.

~Vera Nazarian

I'll tell you a secret. Old storytellers never die. They disappear into their own story.

~Vera Nazarian

A great ancient poet was blind. A great classical composer was deaf. Many of us are dumb. What have we to show for it?

~Vera Nazarian

Love - not dim and blind but so far-seeing that it can glimpse around corners, around bends and twists and illusion; instead of overlooking faults love sees through them to the secret inside.

~Vera Nazarian

Because without such a reprieve we cannot pause and regroup and with the newfound strength go on to initiate that very change which is sorely needed by all.

~Vera Nazarian

The desert is an ideal illusion of a blank slate - so much mystery in endless layers is hidden underneath its bright, pseudo-sterile surface.

~Vera Nazarian

The weight of the world is a trifle, if we all put our two fingers under it and try to lift together.

~Vera Nazarian

And it is a quiet terrible thing, too, to discover the value of love this way [after loss] - when the object of love is no longer there, when love dies or goes away or changes. When it is too late.

~Vera Nazarian

A tornado of thought is unleashed after each new insight. This in turn results in an earthquake of assumptions. These are natural disasters that re-shape the spirit.

~Vera Nazarian

Desire is like fog on a bathroom mirror -- its presence incites you to wipe the mirror, and see yourself clearly again.

~Vera Nazarian

Why does every road eventually narrow into a point at the horizon? Because that's where the point lies.

~Vera Nazarian

I am sure that inspiration will strike multiple times - it always does.

~Vera Nazarian

I think I became [writer] despite myself - tricking myself into it, really.

~Vera Nazarian

Short stories are like individual jewel stones on a necklace, wonderful in themselves like standalone gleaming entities of semantic intensity.

~Vera Nazarian

Freedom is not a license to act but a license to exercise free choices in any given situation.

~Vera Nazarian

I am happy. I have something to accomplish, create, and achieve. I am happy.

~Vera Nazarian

For as long as there's anyone to ask 'Why?' the answer will always be, 'Why not?'

~Vera Nazarian

What is blood but the wine of life?

~Vera Nazarian

I've just been bitten on the neck by a vampire... mosquito. Does that

mean that when the night comes I will rise and be annoying?

~Vera Nazarian

Our world is so bursting-full of natural wonder that we are all experiencing a sensory overload. We are no longer perceiving all of the details, just the ones that immediately interest us.

~Vera Nazarian

We don't need fantasy to mess with our minds to the point of rendering us insane - real life horrors do that already.

~Vera Nazarian

However I will never forget what Marion [Zimmer Bradley] did for me by accepting that first story from a stupid enthusiastic kid.

~Vera Nazarian

The act of sharing with readers was at first too much of an intimate thing. But it evolved into an intense necessity to share.

~Vera Nazarian

I was forgetting that an artist also just stares at a piece of paper or canvas all day. It somehow never occurred to me to connect these two diverse creative modes.

~Vera Nazarian

Seems to me that there is no better way to experience the depth of loss than after the fact. No more powerful instrument of imbuing value in an object than parting with it.

~Vera Nazarian

Everything I write now might have roots in myths, often disguised, often dissolved into new multi-ethnic myths of my own making.

~Vera Nazarian

I am a novelist at heart.

~Vera Nazarian

I technically live in the desert - Los Angeles being an artificial oasis - but my interest stems even farther to my own ethnic roots and to my love of antiquity, of the Old World and of the east.

~Vera Nazarian

Fantasy is not the literature of subversion of the status quo but of 'awakening to' the status quo.

~Vera Nazarian

Fantasy plunders the well of our deepest selves for existent truth instead of creating new truths out of the illusory fabric of recent events or the flow of society.

~Vera Nazarian

Karma has been a pop culture term for ages. But really, what the heck is it?

~Vera Nazarian

In the plains the grass grows tall, since there is no one to cut it. There is no one to water it either.

~Vera Nazarian

Respect the young and chastise your elders. It's about time the world was set aright.

~Vera Nazarian

One sin seldom mentioned is that of killing time.

~Vera Nazarian

Here's a new 'Blessing' for our time -- 'May Anderson Cooper never be sent to report on your town!'

~Vera Nazarian

There is only Love -- and Stories. All else is but a shadow dream.

~Vera Nazarian

To every rule there is an exceptionâ€”and an idiot ready to demonstrate it. Don't be the one!

~Vera Nazarian

I started to write. And I wrote and wrote all through high school.

~Vera Nazarian

A made-up proverb from Dreams of the Compass Rose says, "In the desert, the only god is a well." I love exploring the intensity of such juxtaposition, the dangerous edge.

~Vera Nazarian

My brand of fantasy is completely devoid of the traditional notions of magic as ritual. Instead I see the fantastic as a meta-layer of existence beyond the real world.

~Vera Nazarian

I love to fool my readers, but in a good way. If you've read any of my work, there's a good chance that at some point I surprised you.

~Vera Nazarian

The desert is a place of bones, where the innards are turned out, to desiccate into dust.

~Vera Nazarian

In the desert, the only god is a well.

~Vera Nazarian

Money is like fire. It is only good when there's just the right amount of it,

when it's properly contained and under your control.

~Vera Nazarian

Close your eyes and turn your face into the wind. Feel it sweep along your skin in an invisible ocean of exultation. Suddenly, you know you are alive.

~Vera Nazarian

I sat down and wrote a short story in two weeks and submitted it to Marion Zimmer Bradley. And Marion bought "Wound On The Moon" .My first sale and my first pro sale rolled into one.

~Vera Nazarian

Here is where I like to burst in as a writer, to take one strong sensory detail or image and instead of enhancing it or directing attention to it by shouting about it, I simply take it away.

~Vera Nazarian

True balm [of fantasy] takes away the painful irritation of life and simply heals, allowing one to begin anew. And that is what fantasy can do for us.

~Vera Nazarian

A related recurring theme is the exploration of how we take for granted the things in our immediate environment that are common and ordinary. Existential blindness, of sorts.

~Vera Nazarian

One of the things that I've noticed over the years is that I seem to be fascinated as a writer with the notion that we already have all that we need.

~Vera Nazarian

Q: Why do I love thee, O Night? A: Because you know I will never

answer.

~Vera Nazarian

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