

Wendelin Van Draanen

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Some of us get dipped in flat, some in satin, some in gloss...." He turned to me. "But every once in a while, you find someone who's iridescent, and when you do, nothing will ever compare.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Maybe my mother's right. Maybe there is more to Bryce Loski than I know. Maybe it's time to meet him in the proper light.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Sometimes I get so caught up in my own problems that I forget how amazing the world is.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

What he did to my heart was sheer, inexplicable, magic.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

...and I realized that Garrett was right about one thing- I had flipped. Completely.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

It was beyond embarrassing or humiliating or even mortifying. It was ego-slaying!

~Wendelin Van Draanen

A painting is more than the sum of its parts

~Wendelin Van Draanen

...Next time you're faced with a choice, do the right thing. It hurts everyone less in the long run.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

If chaos is a necessary step in the organization of one's universe, then I was well on my way.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Somehow the silence seemed to connect us in a way like words never could. - Julianna Baker

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I was slipping, man, and it was definitely time to get a grip.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I wipe away my tears and nod, because the pain in my leg is nothing compare to the one in my heart.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

It's funny how you can think you know someone pretty well, and then something happens or they do something that makes you understand that you didn't really know them at all.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Proper lighting is everything, Julianna.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I don't think you're aloud to be homeschooled if you don't have a home.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I had liked him for all the wrong reasons.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I realize something. That wasn't a finish line for me...This is my new starting line.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

One's character is set at an early age. The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life. I hate to see you swim out so far you can't swim back.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Sometimes a little discomfort in the beginning can save a whole lot of pain down the road.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

A million dollars sounds like a lot, I know. Especially when you're young. But you can't let money erode your principles or you'll wind up with nothing.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Get beyond his eyes and his smile and the sheen of his hair - look at what's really there.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

It's easy to look back and see it, and it's easy to give the advice. But the sad fact is, most people don't look beneath the surface until it's too late.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

But in my heart I knew that just like the new grass, I wasn't strong enough yet to be walked on

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I'd scale that monster sycamore if I could. Right to the top. And I'd yell her name across the rooftops for the whole world to hear. -Bryce

~Wendelin Van Draanen

To be held above the earth and be brushed by the wind," she said, "it's like your heart has been kissed by beauty.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

You can't dwell on what might have been...and it's not fair to condemn him for something he hasn't done.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

There's nothing like a headstrong woman to make you happy to be alive.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

He tells us that life isn't about what happens to you, it's about what you do about what happens to you.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

All of a sudden I didn't fit in anywhere. Not at school, not at home...and every time I turned around, another person I'd known forever felt like a stranger to me. Even I felt like a stranger to me.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

There's no winning arguments with your parents

~Wendelin Van Draanen

It's funny to hear priests and nuns argue with each other.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

You want me to be a man, older than you, who goes by the name of Roullard.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Holly, I understand that you are upset because Gemma pulled down your ants, but why did you think pouring motor oil inside her backpack is the way to solve the problem?

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Julie always tried to stand beside me, or talk to me, or in some other way mortify me.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I am a runner. That's what I do. That's who I am. Running is all I know, or want, or care about.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

There's no winning arguments with your parents, so why get all pumped up over them? It is way better to dive down and get out of the way than it is to get clobbered by some parental tidal wave.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Turn down a chance to feel magic for fear of a little dirt?

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Was it so much to ask just to be left alone?

~Wendelin Van Draanen

As much as thinking this upsets me, I'm starting to see that I need the merry-go-round much more than it needs me, and in the end my choice is to hop back on or get left in the dust.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I had Flipped. -Bryce Loski

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Don't sum up a person based on what you see, or what you don't understand; get to know them

~Wendelin Van Draanen

You never forget your first love.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

You got nothin' to lose but your self-respect.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

The room fell quiet. And as I read down the list of over one hundred and fifty eight-grade boys, I realized that to me, there had only ever been one boy.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I just need some time to get over all those years of having liked him

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I'll ride my bike all the stinkin' way to school for the rest of eternity if it means being with her. -Bryce

~Wendelin Van Draanen

It's disturbing how fast weeds take root in my garden of worthiness. They're so hard to pull. And grow back so easily.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

As I run, I wonder how many of these people helped buy my leg. I wonder about the deep, wide abyss between good intentions and concrete action, and how many of them leapt across it.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Okay that's it. Now I'm torching this. I just need to score a match.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

What I'm expecting is for you to behave like the gentleman I always thought you were.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Blue Face Disgusting taste Flush it Shush it Cold disgrace

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Sometimes the things we really want are right in front of us. We just don't see them.

~Wendelin Van Draanen

Surely, I thought, a few bushes and some dilapidated wood couldn't stop someone's best and brightest blessing! Surely not!

~Wendelin Van Draanen

So there I was, with the two hottest girls on campus, having lunch. I was "the man", the envy of every other guy in our school. Buddy, I was miserable." -Bryce Loski

~Wendelin Van Draanen

I miss school. What's wrong with me?

~Wendelin Van Draanen

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