

Yasunari Kawabata

Quotes

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Cosmic time is the same for everyone, but human time differs with each person. Time flows in the same way for all human beings; every human being flows through time in a different way.

~Yasunari Kawabata

The true joy of a moonlit night is something we no longer understand. Only the men of old, when there were no lights, could understand the true joy of a moonlit night.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Put your soul in the palm of my hand for me to look at, like a crystal jewel. I'll sketch it in words.

~Yasunari Kawabata

The labor into which a heart has poured its whole love--where will it have its say, to excite and inspire, and when?

~Yasunari Kawabata

The road was frozen. The village lay quiet under the cold sky. Komako hitched up the skirt of her kimono and tucked it into her obi. The moon shone like a blade frozen in blue ice.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Our language is primarily for expressing human goodness and beauty.

~Yasunari Kawabata

It's remarkable how we go on year after year, doing the same old things. We get tired and bored, and ask when they'll come for us

~Yasunari Kawabata

I suppose even a woman's hatred is a kind of love.

~Yasunari Kawabata

People have separated from each other with walls of concrete that

blocked the roads to connection and love. and Nature has been defeated in the name of development.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Does pain go away and leave no trace, then?' ~You sometimes even feel sentimental for it.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Lunatics have no age. If we were crazy, you and I, we might be a great deal younger.

~Yasunari Kawabata

A secret, if it's kept, can be sweet and comforting, but once it leaks out it can turn on you with a vengeance.

~Yasunari Kawabata

They were words that came out of nothing, but they seemed to him somehow significant. He muttered them over again.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Because you cannot see him, God is everywhere.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Now, even more than the evening before, he could think of no one with whom to compare her. She had become absolute, beyond comparison. She had become decision and fate.

~Yasunari Kawabata

From the way of Go the beauty of Japan and the Orient had fled. Everything had become science and regulation.

~Yasunari Kawabata

The snow on the distant mountains was soft and creamy, as if veiled in a faint smoke.

~Yasunari Kawabata

A child walked by, rolling a metal hoop that made a sound of autumn.

~Yasunari Kawabata

And I can't complain. After all, only women are able really to love.

~Yasunari Kawabata

I wonder what the retirement age is in the novel business. The day you die.

~Yasunari Kawabata

THE TRAIN came out of the long tunnel into the snow country.

~Yasunari Kawabata

Along the coast the sea roars, and inland the mountains roar - the roaring at the center, like a distant clap of thunder.

~Yasunari Kawabata

A poetess who had died young of cancer had said in one of her poems that for her, on sleepless nights, 'the night offers toads and black dogs and corpses of the drowned.

~Yasunari Kawabata

But a haiku by Buson came into his mind: 'I try to forget this senile love; a chilly autumn shower.' The gloom only grew denser.

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