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Good quotes from the book thief

Whilst reading The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, I found so many beautiful quotes that I want to share with everyone. Be aware of spoilers, they may appear here and there, if you're thinking of reading this novel anytime soon, or watching the movie. Also, the page number is included with each quote and the chapter name. Small note: I have the Picador paperback edition with 584 pages with the motion picture cover. A Small Theory: People observe the colours of the day only at its beginnings and ends, but to me it's quite clear that a day merges through a multitude of shades and intonations, with each passing moment. A single hour can consist of thousands of different colours. Waxy yellows, cloud-spat blues. Murky darknesses. In my line of work, I make it a point to notice them. - Page 5, Death and Chocolate A Definition Not Found In The Dictionary: Not leaving: An act of trust and love, often deciphered by children. - Page 38, The Woman with the Iron Fist Rudy was always destined to be Liesel's best friend. A snowball in the face is surely the perfect beginning to a lasting friendship. - Page 50, The Kiss The Only Thing Worse Than A Boy Who Hates You: A boy who loves you. - Page 53, The Kiss He was the crazy one who had painted himself black and defeated the world. She was the book thief without words. Trust me, though, the words were on their way, and when they arrived, Liesel would hold them in her hands like the clouds, and she would wring them out, like the rain. - Page 85, The Heavyweight Champion of the Schoolyard Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness. - Page 91, A Girl made of Darkness I guess humans like to watch a little destruction. Sandcastles, houses of cards, that's where they begin. Their great skill is their capacity to escalate. - Page 118, 100% Pure German Sweat A Small But Noteworthy Note: I've seen so many young men over the years who think they're running at other young men. They are not. They're running at me. - Page 189, The Accordionist You see? Even death has a heart. - Page 262, The Floating Book (Part 1) How about a kiss, Saumensch? He stood waist-deep in the water for a few moments longer before climbing out and handing her the book. His pants clung to him, and he did not stop walking. In truth, I think he was afraid. Rudy Steiner was scared of the book thief's kiss. He must have longed for it so much. He must have loved her so incredibly hard. So hard that he would never ask for her lips again, and would go to his grave without them. - Page 326, The Floating Book (Part 2) Sometimes, I imagined how everything appeared above these clouds, knowing without questions that the sun was blond, and the endless atmosphere was a giant blue eye. - Page 374, Death's Diary: The Parisians If only she could be so oblivious again, to feel such love without knowing it, mistaking it for laughter and bread with only the scent of jam spread on top of it. - Page 382, Champagne and Accordions A Nice Thought: One was a book thief. The other stole the sky. - Page 409, The Sky Stealer He made three separate formations that led to the same tower of dominoes in the middle. Together, they would watch everything that was so carefully planned collapse, and they would all smile, at the beauty of destruction. - Page 434, Dominoes and Darkness My heart is so tired. - Page 435, The Promise-Keeper's Wife It kills me sometimes, how people die. - Page 494, The Card Player There were people everywhere on the city street, but the stranger could not have been more alone if it had been empty. - Page 504, The Ageless Brother The consequence of this is that I'm always finding humans at their best and worst. I see their ugly and their beauty, and I wonder how the same thing can be both. Still they have one thing that I envy. Humans, if nothing else, have the good sense to die. - Page 522, One Toolkit, One Blender, One Bear She was saying goodbye and she didn't even know it. - Page 550, Confessions I have hated words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right. - Page 562, The Ribcage Planes She leaned down and looked at his lifeless face and Liesel kissed her best friend Rudy Steiner soft and true on his lips. He tasted dusty and sweet. He tasted like regret in the shadows of trees and in the glow of the anarchist's suit collection. She kissed him long and soft, and when she pulled herself away, she touched his mouth with her fingers. Her hands were trembling, her lips were fleshy, and she leaned in once more, this time losing control and misjudging it. Their teeth collided on the demolished world of Himmel Street. Page 570, The End of the World (Part 2) Liesel came out. They hugged and cried and fell to the floor. - Page 582, Max I wanted to tell the book thief many things, about beauty and brutality. But what could I tell her about those things that she didn't already know? I wanted to explain that I am constantly overestimating and underestimating the human race - that rarely do I ever simply estimate it. I wanted to ask her how the same thing could be so ugly and so glorious, and its words so damning and brilliant. - Page 584, The Handover Man I am haunted by humans. - Page 584, The Handover Man The Book Thief is a fictional book written for young adults that is told from the perspective of Death during the Holocaust. The Book Thief quotes below take the essence of a book about death and allow us to understand life. The story follows a young Liesel as she grows up in WWII Germany. Liesel is a lover of words, and steals books in order to read them. Throughout the story, Liesel's family is protecting a Jew named Max, and Liesel finds comfort and compassion in words during this hard time. What can we learn about life from a story told by Death? In any story about the Holocaust, it is important to focus on the human beings. As this is a story told by Death, the main lesson we must take away is the humanity of the people who were killed. Liesel is so young and able to see Max's humanity, something we must understand as readers of this story. These Book Thief quotes will show us how to do exactly that.The Book Thief Quotes About Love1. "The only thing worse than a boy who hates you: a boy that loves you." - The Book Thief 2. "He does something to me, that boy. Every time. It's his only detriment. He steps on my heart. He makes me cry." - The Book Thief 3. "If only she could be so oblivious again, to feel such love without knowing it, mistaking it for laughter." - The Book Thief 4. "I have to say that although it broke my heart, I was, and still am, glad I was there." - The Book Thief 5. "Somewhere, far down, there was an itch in his heart, but he made it a point not to scratch it. He was afraid of what might come leaking out." - The Book Thief 6. "Together, they would watch everything that was so carefully planned collapse, and they would smile at the beauty of destruction." - The Book Thief 7. "Goodbye, Papa, you saved me. You taught me to read. No one can play like you. I'll never drink champagne. No one can play like you." - The Book Thief 8. "Can a person steal happiness? Or is it just another internal, infernal human trick?" - The Book Thief 9. "Sometimes I think my papa is an accordion. When he looks at me and smiles and breathes, I hear the notes." - The Book Thief 10. "I have hated words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right." - The Book Thief 11. "She was the book thief without the words." - The Book Thief 12. "The words. Why did they have to exist? Without them, there wouldn't be any of this." - The Book Thief 13. "As always, one of her books was next to her." - The Book Thief 14. "The words were on their way, and when they arrived, Liesel would hold them in her hands like the clouds, and she would wring them out like rain." - The Book Thief 15. "She was saying goodbye and she didn't even know it." - The Book Thief 16. "One was a book thief, the other stole the sky." - The Book Thief 17. "You can't eat books, sweetheart." - The Book Thief 18. "When she came to write her story, she would wonder when the books and the words started to mean not just something, but everything." - The Book Thief 19. "You cannot be afraid. Read the book. Smile at it. It's a great book—the greatest book you've ever read." - The Book Thief 20. "It's a small story really, about, among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist fighter, and quite a lot of thievery." - The Book Thief The Book Thief Quotes About Life21. "Like most misery, it started with apparent happiness." - The Book Thief 22. "I am haunted by humans." - The Book Thief 23. "One opportunity leads directly to another, just as risk leads to more risk, life to more life, and death to more death." - The Book Thief 24. "You're a human, you should understand self-obsession." - The Book Thief 25. "A snowball in the face is surely the perfect beginning to a lasting friendship." - The Book Thief 26. "Imagine smiling after a slap in the face. Then think of doing it twenty-four hours a day." - The Book Thief 27. "The consequence of this is that I'm always finding humans at their best and worst. I see their ugly and their beauty, and I wonder how the same thing can be both." - The Book Thief 28. "My heart is so tired." - The Book Thief 29. "It was a Monday and they walked on a tightrope to the sun." - The Book Thief 30. "No matter how many times she was told that she was loved, there was no recognition that the proof was in the abandonment." - The Book Thief Don't forget to also read these Gone With the Wind quotes and sayings sure to have you swooning. The Book Thief quotes to inspire you31. "She wanted none of those days to end, and it was always with disappointment that she watched the darkness stride forward." - The Book Thief 32. "People observe the colors of a day only at its beginnings and ends, but to me it's quite clear that a day merges through a multitude of shades and intonations with each passing moment. A single hour can consist of thousands of different colors. Waxy yellows, cloud-spot blues. Murky darkness. In my line of work, I make it a point to notice them." - The Book Thief 33. "So much good, so much evil. Just add water." - The Book Thief 34. "I guess humans like to watch a little destruction. Sand castles, houses of cards, that's where they begin. Their great skills is their capacity to escalate." - The Book Thief 35. "She took a step and didn't want to take any more, but she did." - The Book Thief 36. "I wanted to explain that I am constantly overestimating and underestimating the human race—that rarely do I even simply estimate it. I wanted to ask her how the same thing could be so ugly and so glorious, and its words so damning and brilliant..." - The Book Thief 37. "It's hard to not like a man who not only notices the colors, but speaks them." - The Book Thief 38. "Please, trust me. I most definitely can be cheerful. I can be amiable. Agreeable. Affable. And that's only the A's. Just don't ask me to be nice. Nice has nothing to do with me." - The Book Thief 39. "Two weeks to change the world, fourteen days to destroy it." - The Book Thief 40. "It's a lot easier, she realized, to be on the verge of something than to actually be it. This would still take time." - The Book ThiefIf you're enjoying these quotes, make sure to read our collection of book quotes about the power of reading from your favorite authors.The Book Thief Quotes About the Humanity of Death41. "It kills me sometimes, how people die." - The Book Thief 42. "Even death has a heart." - The Book Thief 43. "I've seen so many young men over the years who think they're running at other young men. They are not. They are running at me." - The Book Thief 44. "His soul sat up. It met me. Those kinds of souls always do—the best ones. The ones who rise up and say 'I know who you are and I am ready. Not that I want to go, of course, but I will come.' Those souls are always light because more of them have been put out. More of them have already found their way to other places." - The Book Thief 45. "Humans, if nothing else, have the good sense to die." - The Book Thief 46. "A small fact: you are going to die... does this worry you?" - The Book Thief 47. "I want words at my funeral. But I guess that means you need life in your life." - The Book Thief 48. "If they killed him tonight, at least he would die alive." - The Book Thief 49. "Please believe me when I tell you that I picked up each soul that day as if it were newly born. I even kissed a few weary, poisoned cheeks. I listened to their last, gasping cries. Their vanishing words. I watched their love visions and freed them from their fear." - The Book Thief 50. "Five hundred souls. I carried them in my fingers, like suitcases. Or I'd throw them over my shoulder. It was only the children I carried in my arms." - The Book Thief 51. "For some reason, dying men always ask the question they know the answer to. Perhaps it's so they can die being right." - The Book Thief Also read these Dante's Inferno quotes highlighting central themes.More quotes from The Book Thief52. "Even now, I wonder how much of my life is convinced." - The Book Thief53. "Not leaving: an act of trust and love, often deciphered by children." - The Book Thief54. "As always, she was carrying the washing. Rudy was carrying two buckets of cold water, or as he put it, two buckets of future ice." - The Book Thief55. "I traveled the globe as always, handing souls to the conveyor belt of eternity." - The Book Thief56. "Trust was accumulated quickly, due primarily to the brute strength of the man's gentleness, his thereness." - The Book Thief57. "It was a style not of perfection, but warmth. Even mistakes had a good feeling about them." - The Book Thief58. "When life robs you, sometimes, you have to rob it back." - The Book Thief59. "People have defining moments, I suppose, especially when they're children." - The Book Thief60. "You should know it yourself: a young man is still a boy, and a boy sometimes has the right to be stubborn." - The Book Thief61. "You can do all manner of underhanded nice things when you have a caustic reputation." - The Book ThiefWhat did you learn from these Book Thief quotes?The Book Thief is a unique story of life and death about a young German girl named Liesel during the times of Nazi Germany. The Book Thief quotes highlight true compassion and humanity as expressed through Liesel's character and Death's narratorial character throughout the book.As this is a story told by Death, it allows us to have some interesting takeaways about life. How can a story that centers around so much destruction teach us so much about humanity? The truth is, an appreciation for life can only come from experiencing death. In a story like The Book Thief, it is important to take a look at the humanity of the people involved in the true event, and understand the tragedy the story tells. These Book Thief quotes do that, allowing us to appreciate life through death, and humanity through witnessing inhumane acts.What's your biggest takeaway from this collection of The Book Thief quotes and lines? Do you have any other favorite quotes to add? Let us know in the comment section below.

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