

Bad Influence Speaks Hump Day Quotes: 2011

01 January 2011

We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential.

-Ellen Goodman

05 January 2011

Words can never fully say what we want them to say, for they fumble, stammer, and break the best porcelain. The best one can hope for is to find along the way someone to share the path, content to walk in silence, for the heart communes best when it does not try to speak.

— Margaret Weis, *Dragons of a Lost Star*

12 January 2011

Rules are just helpful guidelines for stupid people who can't make up their own minds.

- Gregory House (Hugh Laurie), *House* (Office Politics)

19 January 2011

"The thing about growing up with Fred and George," said Ginny thoughtfully, "is that you sort of start thinking anything's possible if you've got enough nerve."

-JK Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*

26 January 2011

Oh, we're playing nice now? Shall we have tea first? Brew up a nice pot of kiss-my-ass?

Julie Kagawa, *The Iron King*

02 February 2011

My darling girl, when are you going to realize that being normal is not necessarily a virtue? It rather denotes a lack of courage.

Alice Hoffman, *Practical Magic*

09 February 2011

I have a high pain threshold. In fact, it's more of a large and tastefully decorated foyer than a threshold. But I do get easily bored.

-Cassandra Clare, *City of Bones*

16 February 2011

It is a moment that, to me anyway, signals the birth of American space exploration. It captures both the geeky excitement and the hand-wringing uncertainty over what might befall a human organism shot to the edges of the known world.

-Mary Roach, *Packing for Mars*

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23 February 2011

I love books, by the way, way more than movies. Movies tell you what to think. A good book lets you choose a few thoughts for yourself. Movies show you the pink house. A good book tells you there's a pink house and lets you paint some of the finishing touches, maybe choose the roof style, park your own car out front. My imagination has always topped anything a movie could come up with. Case in point, those darned Harry Potter movies. That was so not what that part-Veela-chick, Fleur Delacour, looked like.

-Karen Marie Moning, *Darkfever*

2 March 2011

Zebrowski says that if you killed someone else just hide the body, he's not starting over on the paperwork.

-Laurell K. Hamilton, *Incubus Dreams*

9 March 2011

It's far easier to write why something is terrible than why it's good. If you're reviewing a film and you decide "This is a movie I don't like," basically you can take every element of the film and find the obvious flaw, or argue that it seems ridiculous, or like a parody of itself, or that it's not as good as something similar that was done in a previous film. What's hard to do is describe why you like something. Because ultimately, the reason things move people is very amorphous. You can be cerebral about things you hate, but most of the things you like tend to be very emotive.

-Chuck Klosterman

16 March 2011

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

-Albert Einstein

23 March 2011

People aren't born good or bad. Maybe they're born with tendencies either way, but its the way you live your life that matters.

-Cassandra Clare, *City of Glass*

30 March 2011

Sometimes, when you're this adventurous, you rip the crotch out of your pants.

-Josh Gates

6 April 2011

Once, just once, I want things to go according to the gorram plan!

- Captain Mal Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), *Firefly* "Ariel"

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13 April 2011

Oh, bless you all for turning my life into a Cher song.

-Penelope Garcia (Kristen Vangsness), *Criminal Minds* "Bloodline"

20 April 2011

There are few things in life the liberal application of duct tape can't solve.

-Pooch (Columbus Short), *The Losers*

27 April 2011

He was twenty. I remembered twenty. I'd known everything at twenty. It took me another year to realize I knew nothing. I was still hoping to learn something before I hit thirty, but I wasn't holding my breath.

-Laurell K. Hamilton, *Circus of the Damned*

4 May 2011

I suspect it may be like the difference between a drinker and an alcoholic; the one merely reads books, the other needs books to make it through the day.

-Gail Carriger

11 May 2011

I may not be completely happy about the fact that a lot of the process seems to be being paralyzed by fear that I'm never going to come up with the next idea. You know, a lot of the process is the worrying and the sweating and the lying in bed at two o'clock in the morning, going, "Oh my God, I've run out of stuff to say." But guess what - that's part of the process, so you kind of have to learn to embrace it.

-Mark Waid from *Creating Comics from Start to Finish* by Buddy Scalera

18 May 2011

If you must know, I was tracking a hole through the fabric of reality. Call it a hobby.

-10th Doctor (David Tennant), *Doctor Who* "Planet of the Dead"

25 May 2011

Why is it when you want the ground to swallow you whole, it decides to stop trying?

-Sherrilyn Kenyon, *No Mercy*

1 June 2011

To me, statistics are meaningless. They are based on a whole bunch of people that aren't me.

-Tami Bohmer, [The Pink Fund: Common Attributes of Miracle Survivors](#)

8 June 2011

You ever notice how adults plan play dates for their children, but never for themselves? Well, screw that, we have a play date, and we are going to enjoy ourselves.

-Laurell K. Hamilton, [BabelClash blog: Somedays You Can't Write](#)

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15 June 2011

At the root of every large struggle in life is the need to be honest about something that we do not feel we can be honest about. We lie to ourselves or other people because the truth might require action on our part, and action requires courage. We say we “don’t know” what is wrong, when we do know what is wrong; we just wish we didn’t.

-Deb Caletti, *The Secret Life of Prince Charming*

22 June 2011

Honor is never based on a technicality. Do the right thing even when others don’t... and remember to love the whole time.

-Colin Ferguson on [Twitter](#)

29 June 2011

Each scar serves as a permanent reminder to me that that which doesn’t kill you will just require many stitches.

-Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Born of Shadows*

6 July 2011

Don’t you know that every human being is at least a dozen different people? I’m indulging myself this summer, and letting them all hang out, as Michael would say. When I’m working I’m not usually so visibly schizophrenic.

-Elizabeth Peters, *The Seventh Sinner*

13 July 2011

You can’t look at someone and tell what they’ve been through. The scars that hurt the most are never visible on the surface.

-Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Born of Shadows*

27 July 2011

History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.

-Abba Eban

3 August 2011

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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10 August 2011

I make no promises and bear no liability for your lunacy, her clumsiness, or any injury my unfortunate luck, uncharacteristic ineptitude, or continual stupidity may cause.

-Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Born of Shadows*

17 August 2011

I always enjoy a hard case. I expect you will withhold info, curse me out a bit, and struggle. I do recommend you try. It makes it so much more enjoyable for me.

-Maggie Berkley, *Behind the Throne*

24 August 2011

No, Bill, I'm a professional. I can gloat in private.

-Dr. Rosen (David Strathairn), *Alphas* "Bill and Gary's Excellent Adventure"

31 August 2011

If there is no bigger meaning then the smallest act of kindness is the greatest thing in the world.

-Angel (David Boreanaz), *Angel* "Epiphany"

14 September 2011

Though her husband often went on business trips, she hated to be left alone.

"I've solved your problem," he said. "I've bought you a St. Bernard. Its name is Great Reluctance. Now, when I go away, you shall know that I am leaving you with Great Reluctance!"

She hit him with a waffle iron.

-Charles Schultz, *The Complete Peanuts: 1973-1974*

21 September 2011

We are all misfits, poseurs, and clowns. We are heartbroken and lonely, failures in life, criminals and frauds. Most of our successes are pleasant illusions. Through the books on the shelves, the library becomes a support group and lets us know that we are not alone. Once we realize we are not alone, we can relax, set our burdens down, and move on.

-Dan Borchert, *Free for All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library*

28 September 2011

I've noticed in my life that the people who act as my angels are not some strange angelic creatures that seem almost untouchable, but are more real than that. They are people who have tasted sorrow, who have felt pain, and in a way, that makes them capable of being an angel. In their darkest moments they have become strong.

-Hippie, *Snowflake Obsidian: Memoir of a Cutter*

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5 October 2011

Giving up something that no longer serves a purpose, or protects you, or helps you, isn't giving up at all, it's growing up.

-Laurell K. Hamilton, *Incubus Dreams*

12 October 2011

Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The trouble-makers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status-quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify, or vilify them. But the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.

-Steve Jobs

19 October 2011

And faith isn't about perfect attendance to services, or how much money you put on the little plate. It isn't about going skyclad to the Holy Rite, or meditating each day upon the divine. Faith is about what you do. It's about aspiring to be better and nobler and kinder than you are. It's about making sacrifices for the good of others - even when there's not going to be anyone telling you what a hero you are. Faith is a power of its own, and one even more elusive and difficult to define than magic.

-Jim Butcher, *Changes*

26 October 2011

Life makes fools of all of us sooner or later. But keep your sense of humor and you'll at least be able to take your humiliations with some measure of grace. In the end, you know, it's our own expectations that crush us.

-Paul Murray, *Skippy Dies*

2 November 2011

You can either hold yourself up to the unrealistic standards of others, or ignore them and concentrate on being happy with yourself as you are.

-Jeph Jacques, *Questionable Content* #352

9 November 2011

Hey, I don't care what kind of faerie or mortal or hideous creature you are. If you've got danglies and can lose them, that's the kind of sight that makes you reconsider the possible genitalia-related ramifications of your actions real damned quick.

-Jim Butcher, *Proven Guilty*

15 November 2011

The ill-informed masses included her own family among their ranks, a family that specialized in being both inconvenient and asinine.

-Gail Carriger, *Blameless*

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Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

-Edgar Allen Poe

30 November 2011

My luck is the stuff of legends. The badness of it is such that if you were to do an analysis of its regularity, they'd say that it is impossible to have it. And yet, it craps on my head every chance it gets. Statistical anomaly and all.

-Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Born of Shadows*

7 December 2011

An unrelieved truth can hurt a man much more than a lie. It takes great courage to back truth unacceptable to our times. There's a punishment for it, and it's usually crucifixion.

-John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

14 December 2011

Almost any woman knows that almost any man is stronger than she is. Oh, men know they're stronger, but they seldom actually stop to think through the implications of that simple reality - implications that are both unnerving and virtually omnipresent, if you aren't a Martian [man]. You think about life differently when you know that half the people you see have the physical power to do things to you, regardless of whether you intend to allow it - and even implied threats of physical violence have to be taken seriously.

-Jim Butcher, *Side Jobs* "Aftermath"

21 December 2011

We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.

-Woodrow Wilson