

✧ I believe books can transform the way you think about the world – and yourself. They shape your values. They provide guidance and inspiration and a safe, healthy form of escape. ✧ I believe a little part of every book I've ever read stays with me forever, even if I don't always remember the exact words. The meanings we find in words stay etched on our souls. ✧ I believe a space without books is lacking not only in knowledge, but in beauty as well. Some of my favorite sights are the straight, colorful spines of books. ✧ I believe the best books can (and should!) be read over and over again. ✧ Every time you read a book you love, you can learn something new about who you are. ✧ I believe the best books for you won't always be the ones topping the best-seller list. ✧ I believe there're little bits of word magic found on garage sale tables and in the nooks of used book stores. ✧ I believe we are all book-lovers at heart, even those of us who claim not to adore them. Each of us is a story-teller, and each of us loves a story well told. ✧ I believe you can fall in love with characters and authors and fictional places you've never been; I believe this kind of love is just as real as the heart-pounding, palm-sweating kind. ✧ I believe every book we read is unique to us; the reader, as much as the writer, crafts the story or explores the knowledge with her imagination and insight. ✧ I believe there can be nuggets of goodness even in a bad book, but I don't believe in continuing to turn the pages just to reach an end. If you hate it, put it down. ✧ I believe a great book can make you feel less alone; in the words on a page, you can find compassion, love, and forgiveness. A great book can be a mirror both for who you are and who you want to be. ✧ I believe you shouldn't believe every word you read; just because it's in print doesn't mean it's true. Books can lead to truth, but not all of them are filled with it. ✧ I believe reading can help you to remember, and it can also help you to forget. It's up to you to choose which mindset you happen to be in the mood for. ✧ I believe books are a pathway to freedom. With one in your hand, you can become and learn and see absolutely anything; there are no rules inside of a book. ✧ I believe the best books never actually come to an end. ✧ The words continue to be read and re-read in all the words you think and speak and feel. ✧ I believe there will never be an end to the list of books I want to read, but I will keep doggedly plowing through my to-read list for the rest of my life. ✧ *Dani DiPirro, PositivelyPresent.com*