



**“When Death
has a story to
tell, you listen.”**

Quotes, art, and
original metaphors
inspired by:

The Book Thief /

by Markus Zusak

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**Despite all of the colors
that touch and grapple
with what I see in this
world, I will often
catch an eclipse when a
human dies.**

Zusak 11

Personification



It felt like the whole world was dressed in snow. Like it had pulled it on, the way you pull on a sweater.

Zusak 6
Personification



The fog of Liesel's
mournful breath hung
shocked and motionless
in the bitter cold
cemetery air. How could
her little brother be
dead?

A single tear dripped
from her cheek, froze and
fractured, forming an
emotionally tortured
snowflake glittering with
unfulfilled dreams. It fell
like a spear, jaggedly
impaling the ground
below.



As comforting as hot chocolate on a stormy winter night, Papa always knew the right thing to say. His eyes sparkled like molten silver as he told jokes and stories. He played lullabies on his accordion and stayed by Liesel's side until the fright of her nightmares faded and her mind flowered with with fairy-tale dreams. Horner 2023

Simile, metaphor



Papa was a
painter and an
accordionist.
His eyes glowed
like the silver
moon.

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Simile



**My new mama
was like a
thunderstorm,
always
rumbling.**

Zusak

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Simile



Liesel's passion for words consumed her mind like a bonfire.

Glowing sparks of imagination lit her way through the dark times of her life and gave warmth and comfort to those huddled with her in the bomb shelter.

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Simile, metaphor



Every day the girl appeared, each time with a new weather report, either of pure blue sky, cardboard clouds, or a sun that had broken through like God sitting down after he'd eaten too much for his dinner.

Zusak 250

Metaphor, imagery



The Fuhrer decided that he would rule the world with words. He grew a giant, gnarled and gloomy forest of vile, nasty, ugly words and symbols.

But with her imagination, Liesel could climb higher than the clouds of Hitler's hate. Her spirit of friendship grew a towering tree that dwarfed Hitler's. In the breeze, it showered goodwill all over Hitler's war machine. The embarrassed war-monsters stopped their crimes and went home.

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Zusak, 445. *Metaphor, imagery*



**Yes, the sky was
now a devastating,
home-cooked red.**

The small German town
had been flung apart one
more time. Snow-flakes of
ash fell so lovelily you
were tempted to stretch
out your tongue to catch
them. Only, they would
have scorched your
mouth.

Zusak 13
Imagery



Liesel Meminger was a girl
“made out of darkness”
(Zusak, 83). To a jew hiding in
her windowless basement,
Liesel’s vivid words were his
eyes. She transformed her
painful experiences into
inspiring words that had the
power to change the world.
Her life warmed the cold
heart of the spirit of Death.
Her determined and
multi-colored spirit made all
of humanity seem
worthwhile. Horner 2023

metaphor



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