

Anita Diamant Quotes

*Mother, Daughter, Writing, Stories, Heart, Beautiful, Book, Sweet, Song, World,
Childhood, Color, Real, Water, Strong, Way, Names, Egypt, Rooms, Community*

Since 1985, I have written about contemporary Jewish practice and the Jewish community.

~Anita Diamant

The Sabbath is a weekly cathedral raised up in my dining room, in my family, in my heart.

~Anita Diamant

I got nice rejections explaining that historical fiction was a difficult sell. But I kept trying.

~Anita Diamant

Why did I not know that birth is the pinnacle where women discover the courage to become mothers?

~Anita Diamant

The painful things seemed like knots on a beautiful necklace, necessary for keeping the beads in place.

~Anita Diamant

The more a daughter knows the details of her mother's life [...] the stronger the daughter.

~Anita Diamant

One of his tears fell in my mouth, where it became a blue sapphire, source of strength, source of strength and eternal hope.

~Anita Diamant

I tell writers to keep reading, reading, reading. Read widely and deeply. And I tell them not to give up even after getting rejection letters. And only write what you love.

~Anita Diamant

One of my great secrets was knowing I had the power to make her

smile.

~Anita Diamant

Death is no enemy, but the foundation of gratitude, sympathy, and art. Of all life's pleasures, only love owes no debt to death.

~Anita Diamant

My husband, Jim, converted to Judaism just before our wedding.

~Anita Diamant

The more I do bookstores, the more people come up to me from church groups. I spoke at Pittsburg State College and had 2 or 3 ministers and book groups from a couple of churches.

~Anita Diamant

Shakespeare in Love... such smart writing of an alternative view of history, and such beautiful acting. Like most Americans, I'm a sucker for the accent.

~Anita Diamant

Right now, I'm Writing song lyrics. Experimenting with a play. Toying with an idea for a documentary. I hope one of these will eventually be launched into the light of day.

~Anita Diamant

As a journalist I'm comfortable doing library research, and I did a lot! I had a fellowship at Radcliff for a year which gave me access to the Harvard system.

~Anita Diamant

It's a good thing babies don't give you a lot of time to think. You fall in love with them and when you realize how much they love you back, life is very simple.

~Anita Diamant

Weeping is terrible for the complexion" said Leonie, holding Shayndel close, "but it is very good for the soul.

~Anita Diamant

on the day that the intelligence and talents of women are fully honored and employed, the human community and the planet itself will benefit in ways we can only begin to imagine.

~Anita Diamant

I never wanted Mary Poppins to be my nanny. I wanted to be her when I grew up.

~Anita Diamant

My early childhood was spent in Newark, New Jersey, but my family moved to Denver when I was 12.

~Anita Diamant

The real Mary Poppins got lost when Hollywood turned her into a cream puff.

~Anita Diamant

One of my favorite poets, Neruda, writes close to the bone. Though I know only a little Spanish, I like to compare the Spanish and English lines and see how the translator worked.

~Anita Diamant

He was golden and beautiful as a sunset.

~Anita Diamant

I am so honored to be the vessel into which you pour this story of pain and strength.

~Anita Diamant

My heart is a ladle of sweet water brimming over.

~Anita Diamant

The story it told was unremarkable: a tale of love found and lost- the oldest story in the world. The only story.

~Anita Diamant

Wherever you walk, I go with you. Selah.

~Anita Diamant

If you want to understand any woman, you must first ask about her mother and then listen carefully.

~Anita Diamant

I wanted to cry, but I realized that I was too old for that. I would be a woman soon and I would have to learn how to live with a divided heart.

~Anita Diamant

I moved my arms through the water, feeling them float on the surface, watching the waves and wake that followed my gesture. Here was magic, I thought. Here was something holy.

~Anita Diamant

The other reason women wanted daughters was to keep their memories alive.

~Anita Diamant

There's something almost adolescent about Whitman's paean to everything that was and remains good about America.

~Anita Diamant

Biblical names are hot again.

~Anita Diamant

I would have stayed forever within the garden of Re-mose's childhood,

but time is a mother's enemy.

~Anita Diamant

When a shy person smiles, it's like the sun coming out.

~Anita Diamant

Mountains are where heaven meets earth.

~Anita Diamant

It was one of those perfect fall days when the air is cool enough to wake you up but the sun is also kissing your face.

~Anita Diamant

I pray I die before they day comes when I do not know if my sons are infants or grandfathers.

~Anita Diamant

Making plans is a game. Life chooses for you.

~Anita Diamant

Whatever your relationship is to your sacred tradition in the West, you have some relationship to the Bible if only through the names of the characters.

~Anita Diamant

The Bible - it's sort of the other person in the room. There's this book, the reader, and the Bible.

~Anita Diamant

I like the way he danced. And then I like the way we danced together.

~Anita Diamant

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~Anita Diamant

Egypt loved the lotus because it never dies. It is the same for people who are loved.

~Anita Diamant

There's nothing quite like a real . . . train conductor to add color to a quotidian commute

~Anita Diamant

I love many kinds of music: world music, jazz, classical, pop.

~Anita Diamant

It is terrible how much has been forgotten, which is why, I suppose, remembering seems a holy thing.

~Anita Diamant

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