

Anita Shreve

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Love is not simply the sum of sweet greetings and wrenching partings and kisses and embraces, but is made up more of the memory of what has happened and the imagining of what is to come.

~Anita Shreve

To ward off a feeling of failure, she joked that she could wallpaper her bathroom with rejection slips, which she chose not to see as messages to stop, but rather as tickets to the game.

~Anita Shreve

Once you tell your first lie, the first time you lie for him, you are in it with him, and then you are lost.

~Anita Shreve

There are more experiences in life than you'd think for which there are no words.

~Anita Shreve

Sometimes, she thought, courage was simply a matter of putting one foot in front of another and not stopping.

~Anita Shreve

If you're skating on thin ice, you might as well dance.

~Anita Shreve

I learned that night that love is never as ferocious as when you think it is going to leave you. We are not always allowed this knowledge, and so our love sometimes becomes retrospective.

~Anita Shreve

Reunions are always fraught with awkward tensions - the necessity to account for oneself; the attempt to find, through memories, an ember of the old emotions.

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I guess that's the point of drinking, to take all the feelings and thoughts and morals away until you are just a body doing what a body will do.

~Anita Shreve

Olympia thinks often about desire - desire that stops the breath, that causes a preoccupied pause in the midst of uttering a sentence - and how it may upend a life and threaten to dissolve the soul.

~Anita Shreve

To leave, after all, was not the same as being left.

~Anita Shreve

Among other things, Kathryn knew, grief was physically exhausting.

~Anita Shreve

I loved him," Muire said. "We were in love." As if that were enough.

~Anita Shreve

To be relieved of love, she thought, was to give up a terrible burden.

~Anita Shreve

But how do you ever know that you know a person?

~Anita Shreve

And so a person can never promise to love someone forever because you never know what might come up, what terrible thing the person you love might do.

~Anita Shreve

Love and marriage are wonderful arenas in which to place a character. We are most likely to risk our morals and beliefs while in love. Betrayal

gives tremendous insights into a character as well.

~Anita Shreve

I wonder this: If you take a woman and push her to the edge, how will she behave?

~Anita Shreve

I thought about how one tiny decision can change a life. A decision that takes only a split second to make.

~Anita Shreve

Children don't heal as well.. they change.. they mutate with disaster and make accomodations.

~Anita Shreve

love is ... something extraordinary that happens to ordinary people.

~Anita Shreve

Is imagination dependent upon experience, or is experience influenced by imagination?

~Anita Shreve

A single action can cause a life to veer off in a direction it was never meant to go.

~Anita Shreve

I think about the hurt that stories cannot ease, not with a thousand tellings.

~Anita Shreve

Good luck, I'm beginning to discover, is just as baffling as the bad. There never seems to be a reason for it - no sense of reward or punishment. It simply is - the most incomprehensible idea of all.

~Anita Shreve

I have always been faithful to you if faithful means the experience against which everything else has been measured.

~Anita Shreve

And then she moved from shock to grief the way she might enter another room.

~Anita Shreve

the enduring struggle to capture in words the infinite possibilities of a life not lived.

~Anita Shreve

That I have no right to be jealous is irrelevant. It is a human passion: the sick, white underbelly of love.

~Anita Shreve

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