

Anne Fadiman

Quotes

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Thinking, Literature, Justice, Dark, Imagine, Englishmen, Reality, Refrigerators,
World, Settling, Shelves*

If you truly love a book, you should sleep with it, write in it, read aloud from it, and fill its pages with muffin crumbs.

~Anne Fadiman

In my view, nineteen pounds of old books are at least nineteen times as delicious as one pound of fresh caviar.

~Anne Fadiman

I can think of few better ways to introduce a child to books than to let her stack them, upend them, rearrange them, and get her fingerprints all over them.

~Anne Fadiman

It is a grave error to assume that ice cream consumption requires hot weather.

~Anne Fadiman

The action most worth watching is not at the center of things, but where edges meet.

~Anne Fadiman

Books wrote our life story, and as they accumulated on our shelves (and on our windowsills, and underneath our sofa, and on top of our refrigerator), they became chapters in it themselves.

~Anne Fadiman

Our view of reality is only a view, not reality itself.

~Anne Fadiman

Anyone who doubts that caffeine is a drug should read some of the prose composed under its influence.

~Anne Fadiman

Reading aloud means no skipping, no skimming, no cutting to the

chase.

~Anne Fadiman

Americans admire success. Englishmen admire heroic failure

~Anne Fadiman

I have never been able to resist a book about books.

~Anne Fadiman

I can imagine few worse fates than walking around for the rest of one's life wearing a typo.

~Anne Fadiman

Pen-bereavement is a serious matter.

~Anne Fadiman

I, on the other hand, believe that books, maps, scissors, and Scotch tape dispensers are all unreliable vagrants, likely to take off for parts unknown unless strictly confined to quarters.

~Anne Fadiman

For me, literature is a way of enlarging myself by learning about people who are not like me.

~Anne Fadiman

If my father were still writing essays, every full-grown 'girl' would probably be transformed into a 'woman'.

~Anne Fadiman

E-mail is a modern Penny Post: the world is a single city with a single postal rate.

~Anne Fadiman

When I write after dark", observed Cyril Connolly, "the shades of

evening scatter their purple through my prose

~Anne Fadiman

If the soul cannot find its jacket. it is condemned to an eternity of wandering--naked and alone

~Anne Fadiman

...the reader who plucks a book from her shelf only once is as deprived as the listener who, after attending a single performance of a Beethoven symphony, never hears it again.

~Anne Fadiman

To use an electronics analogy, closing a book on a bookmark is like pressing the Stop button, whereas when you leave the book facedown, you've only pressed Pause.

~Anne Fadiman

You can miss a lot by sticking to the point.

~Anne Fadiman

One of the convenient things about literature is that, despite copyrights [...] a book belongs to the reader as well as to the writer.

~Anne Fadiman

I'd rather have a book, but in a pinch I'll settle for a set of Water Pik instructions.

~Anne Fadiman

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