

# Anne Morrow Lindbergh Quotes

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The most exhausting thing in life is being insincere.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and succeeded.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great vacationless class.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. One should lie empty, open, choiceless as a beach - waiting for a gift from the sea.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Men kick friendship around like a football, but it doesn't seem to crack. Women treat it like glass and it goes to pieces.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I feel we are all islands - in a common sea.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

My passport photo is one of the most remarkable photographs I have ever seen- no retouching, no shadows, no flattery-just stark me.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

A simple enough pleasure, surely, to have breakfast alone with one's husband, but how seldom married people in the midst of life achieve it.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

When I cannot write a poem, I bake biscuits and feel just as pleased.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Don't wish me happiness - I don't expect to be happy it's gotten beyond that, somehow. Wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor - I will need them all.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Women need solitude in order to find again the true essence of themselves.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

When one is a stranger to oneself then one is estranged from others too. If one is out of touch with oneself, then one cannot touch others. Only when one is connected to one's own core is.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Geniuses were like storms or cyclones, pulling everything into their path, sticks and stones and dust.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Those fields of daisies we landed on, and dusty fields and desert stretches. Memories of many skies and earths beneath us - many days, many nights of stars.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Only love can be divided endlessly and still not diminish.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

For happiness one needs security, but joy can spring like a flower even from the cliffs of despair.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

...the only continuity possible in life, as in love, is in growth, in fluidity - in freedom. The only real security is... living in the present and accepting it as it is now.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The most exhausting thing you can do is to be inauthentic.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The most exhausting thing in life, I have discovered, is being insincere. That is why so much of social life is exhausting; one is wearing a mask. I have shed my mask.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Everything today has been heavy and brown. Bring me a Unicorn to ride about the town.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day - like writing a poem or saying a prayer.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Flying was a very tangible freedom. In those days, it was beauty, adventure, discovery - the epitome of breaking into new worlds.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

One cannot collect all the beautiful shells on the beach. One can collect only a few, and they are more beautiful if they are few.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

If you surrender completely to the moments as they pass, you live more richly those moments.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

One learns first of all in beach living the art of shedding; how little one

can get along with, not how much.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The web of marriage is made by propinquity, in the day to day living side by side, looking outward in the same direction. It is woven in space and in time of the substance of life itself.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Perhaps middle-age is, or should be, a period of shedding shells; the shell of ambition, the shell of material accumulations and possessions, the shell of the ego.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Forsythia is pure joy. There is not an ounce, not a glimmer of sadness or even knowledge in forsythia. Pure, undiluted, untouched joy.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Grief can't be shared. Everyone carries it alone. His own burden in his own way.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Nothing feeds the center of being so much as creative work. The curtain of mechanization has come down between the mind and the hand.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Can one make the future a substitute for the present? And what guarantee have we that the future will be any better if we neglect the present?

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Flowers always have it - poise, completion, fulfillment, perfection . . .

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

For sleep, one needs endless depths of blackness to sink into; daylight is too shallow, it will not cover one.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Travel Far, Pay No Fare... a book can take you anywhere.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

There is no harvest for the heart alone. The seed of love must be eternally re-sown.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The punctuation of anniversaries is terrible, like the closing of doors, one after another between you and what you want to hold on to.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

the final lesson of learning to be independent - widowhood ... is the hardest lesson of all.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

there is no sin punished more implacably by nature than the sin of resistance to change.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Him that I love, I wish to be free -- even from me.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I must write it all out, at any cost. Writing is thinking. It is more than living, for it is being conscious of living.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Love is a force. . . . It is not a result; it is a cause. It is not a product. It is a power, like money, or steam or electricity. It is valueless unless you can give something else by means of it.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

It is only in solitude that I ever find my own core.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Only when one is connected to one's own core is one connected to others, I am beginning to discover. And, for me, the core, the inner spring, can best be refound through solitude.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Not knowing how to feed the spirit, we try to muffle its demands in distraction...What matters is that one be for a time inwardly attentive.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Only when a tree has fallen can you take the measure of it. It is the same with a man.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I find there is a quality to being alone that is incredibly precious. Life rushes back into the void, richer, more vivid, fuller than before.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The loneliness you get by the sea is personal and alive. It doesn't subdue you and make you feel abject. It's stimulating loneliness.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I have been overcome by the beauty and richness of our life together,

those early mornings setting out, those evenings gleaming with rivers and lakes below us, still holding the last light.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

It is nice to think how one can be recklessly lost in a daisy!

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

People talk about love as if it were something you could give, like an armful of flowers.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

When the heart is flooded with love there is no room in it for fear, for doubt, for hesitation.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The fundamental magic of flying, a miracle that has nothing to do with any of its practical purposes - purposes of speed, accessibility, and convenience - and will not change as they change.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Life is a gift, given in trust - like a child.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

What a commentary on our civilization, when being alone is considered suspect; when one has to apologize for it, make excuses, hide the fact that one practices itâ€™like a secret vice!

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Perhaps I am a bear, or some hibernating animal underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

To mention a loved object, a person, or a place to someone else is to invest that object with reality.



~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I think best with a pencil in my hand.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

My father taught me that a bill is like a crying baby and has to be attended to at once.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Certain springs are tapped only when you're alone.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

It is terribly amusing how many different climates of feelings one can go through in one day.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Why is it that you can sometimes feel the reality of people more keenly through a letter than face to face?

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

God may want you to be the answer to your own prayer.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Eternally, woman spills herself away in dribblets to the thirsty, seldom being allowed the time, the quiet, the peace, to let the pitcher fill up to the brim.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Too many people, too many demands, too much to do; competent, busy, hurrying people - It just isn't living at all.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Great problems that face the world today in both the private and the public sphere cannot be solved by women - or by men - alone. They

can only be surmounted by men and women side by side.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Only in growth, reform, and change, paradoxically enough, is true security to be found.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Marriage should, I think, always be a little bit hard and new and strange. It should be breaking your shell and going into another world, and a bigger one.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I had the feeling . . . that my experience was very different from other people's. (Are we all under this illusion?)

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Why is life speeded up so? Why are things so terribly, unbearably precious that you can't enjoy them but can only wait breathless in dread of their going?

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

After all, I don't see why I am always asking for private, individual, selfish miracles when every year there are miracles like white dogwood.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Beauty cannot disguise nor music melt A pain undiagnosable but felt.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Lost time is like a run in a stocking. It always gets worse.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

So many things we love are you!

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Nothing feeds the center of being so much as creative work.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

God often used bitter experiences to make us better. Gold can be a helpful servant, but a cruel master.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

It's funny how you can be mad at someone one moment and want to hug them the next.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

If one talks to more than four people, it is an audience; and one cannot really think or exchange thoughts with an audience.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The shape of my life is, of course, determined by many things; my background and childhood, my mind and its education, my conscience and its pressures, my heart and its desires.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

To me there is something completely and satisfyingly restful in that stretch of sea and sand, sea and sand and sky - complete peace, complete fulfillment.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

One must go through periods of numbness that are harder to bear than grief.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The nice thing about really intelligent people is that when you talk with them they make you feel intelligent too.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

We are always bargaining with our feelings so that we can live from day

to day.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

A note of music gains significance from the silence on either side.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

life itself is always pulling you away from the understanding of life.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

One must lose one's life to find it.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The beach is not the place to work; to read, write or think.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

You can't just write and write and put things in a drawer. They wither without the warm sun of someone else's appreciation.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

If one is estranged from oneself, then one is estranged from others too. If one is out of touch with oneself, then one cannot touch others.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I believe that what woman resents is not so much giving herself in pieces as giving herself purposelessly.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

And if flying, like a glass-bottomed bucket, can give you that vision, that seeing eye, which peers down on the still world below the choppy waves - it will always remain magic.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

When the wedding march sounds the resolute approach, the clock no longer ticks, it tolls the hour. The figures in the aisle are no longer

individuals, they symbolize the human race.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

We must relearn to be alone.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

How hard it is to have the beautiful interdependence of marriage and yet be strong in oneself alone.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The present is passed over in the race for the future; the here is neglected in favor of the there. Enjoy the moment, even if it means merely a walk in the country.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

How one hates to think of oneself as alone. How one avoids it. It seems to imply rejection or unpopularity.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

I want to be pure in heart -- but I like to wear my purple dress.

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Who is not afraid of pure space - that breathtaking empty space of an open door?

~Anne Morrow Lindbergh

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