

Anne Roiphe Quotes

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A woman whose smile is open and whose expression is glad has a kind of beauty no matter what she wears.

~Anne Roiphe

Grief is in two parts. The first is loss. The second is the remaking of life.

~Anne Roiphe

Some people who think they are in unhappy marriages are just in unhappy bodies.

~Anne Roiphe

A person who has no secrets is a liar. We always fold ourselves away from others just enough to preserve a secret or two, something that we cannot share without destroying our inner landscape.

~Anne Roiphe

I am not a perfect friend, and it is impossible not to rebuff or be rebuffed if you move about the world.

~Anne Roiphe

People always tell me either A. you love him. B. you hate him. My usual answer? C. All of the above.

~Anne Roiphe

You really can't say things that upset someone in print and expect them to be nice and leave you their money. That's just not reasonable.

~Anne Roiphe

Reader, you forget that economics precedes religion; worship grew out of eating, not the other way around.

~Anne Roiphe

You have to be a lover of books without expecting more of them than

they give - a little pleasure, a little insight, a moment of escape, a deepening of your own humanity. Not much else.

~Anne Roiphe

Many writers do write about their families and their immediate loved ones and love experiences, either as children or as adults. And very often people get offended by it.

~Anne Roiphe

I would prefer you not to say, "That was the most terribly written piece I've ever read." That would hurt me. But you don't think I'm the best person in the world? Well, alright.

~Anne Roiphe

People always think their world is coming to an end if they're exposed, and of course it isn't coming to an end; it goes right on exactly the way it always was.

~Anne Roiphe

Self-pity is never useful. It tends to distort like a fun-house mirror.

~Anne Roiphe

Decay is quiet but ghastly, explosion is dramatic and dreadful. There's not much to choose between the two of them in reality, and most of our lives have sufficient of both.

~Anne Roiphe

I know that family life in America is a minefield, an economic trap for women, a study in disappointment for both sexes.

~Anne Roiphe

We flashed our feathers when the feathers were fit to be flashed, and now, in drearier days, many stay indoors.

~Anne Roiphe

Friendship needs both confidences and confidence in the other's outstretched hand.

~Anne Roiphe

I've told the same story twelve different ways, but I think that's just part of what writers do. Once may not be enough.

~Anne Roiphe

I have two writer daughters, and a psychoanalyst daughter, and a lawyer daughter, and they wish we didn't write, I'm sure, but we write. If we were a painting family, we would paint.

~Anne Roiphe

What other people think of me is not really my major concern in life. What other people think of what I write is another matter.

~Anne Roiphe

I feel that the world needs writers. We need to know what's really going on.

~Anne Roiphe

It's true, we tend to write about the same thing over and over again because this is our trauma. If I had been in World War II, I might have been writing about D-Day over and over again.

~Anne Roiphe

One of the things about parents and children is that there is no way that you go through this without there being mutual anger.

~Anne Roiphe

I think our material is our lives. That's part of being a modern writer, and we have to use it.

~Anne Roiphe

I really consider myself a writer, and a writer who is sometimes a social critic. I'm not an ideologue, I don't join a party. I follow along and take notes. Sometimes I throw in my two cents.

~Anne Roiphe

You can be creative and not addictive, or addictive and not creative. Most addicted people do not produce anything of remarkable note.

~Anne Roiphe

Romanticizing the act of writing or any other art is not very helpful to the artist or the art. It's much better if one simply does.

~Anne Roiphe

It is hard to hold on to friendships when people move away to another state or to another world.

~Anne Roiphe

Is it possible that my sons-in-law will do toilets? If we raise boys to know that diapers need to be changed and refrigerators need to be cleaned, there's hope for the next generation.

~Anne Roiphe

God is a God of Lovingkindness.

~Anne Roiphe

If I were planning to be stranded on a desert island, I wouldn't take Freud's books with me, because I've already read them all.

~Anne Roiphe

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