

Antonia Fraser

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I think there has been a great deal of valuable revisionism in women's history.

~Antonia Fraser

The clue to book jacket photography is to look friendly and approachable, but not too glamorous.

~Antonia Fraser

Lives in previous centuries for women are largely a matter of class. It would have been fun to have been a rich, privileged woman in the 18th century, but no fun at all to be her maid.

~Antonia Fraser

I am re-reading Henry James as a change from history. I began with *Daisy Miller*, and I've just finished *Washington Square*. What a brilliant, painful book.

~Antonia Fraser

I can't read historical fiction because I find the real thing so much more interesting.

~Antonia Fraser

My advantage as a woman and a human being has been in having a mother who believed strongly in women's education. She was an early undergraduate at Oxford, and her own mother was a doctor.

~Antonia Fraser

That is my major concern: writers who are in prison for writing.

~Antonia Fraser

The concentration in my book on Marie Antoinette's childhood and on her family influences. It is surprising how some books actually start with her arrival in France!

~Antonia Fraser

Normally I make myself swim, do exercises. For zest I like going to the cinema.

~Antonia Fraser

I'm glad I was never an heiress.

~Antonia Fraser

It can be a long gap between the emergence of fully researched historical biographies.

~Antonia Fraser

My mother was a politician in my formative years.

~Antonia Fraser

I decided as usual that justice lay in the middle - that is to say nowhere.

~Antonia Fraser

I love hearing details of writers' craft, as cannibals eat the brains of clever men to get cleverer.

~Antonia Fraser

I have seen all, I have heard all, I have forgotten all. marie antoinette

~Antonia Fraser

I think crime writing is my link with trying to preserve a sort of order.

~Antonia Fraser

Of course there's no such thing as a totally objective person, except Almighty God, if she exists.

~Antonia Fraser

Ninety-seven is my lucky number.

~Antonia Fraser

People in my books tend to get their just deserts, even if not at the hands of the police.

~Antonia Fraser

I hate the only one of my book jackets when I was made up professionally, my hair made into a smooth bell.

~Antonia Fraser

I realize that I had always in my heart of hearts planned to write a biography of Marie Antoinette.

~Antonia Fraser

If I write that it was a cold day, you can be sure I know it was a cold day because Pepys told us.

~Antonia Fraser

Her imperturbable self-confidence (Duchesse de Maine) caused Madame de Stael to write that the Duchesse believed in herself the same way she believed in God, without explanation or discussion.

~Antonia Fraser

King Charles II liked women's company and well as making love to them.

~Antonia Fraser

I think there's a tremendous split between people who've been through a war and people who haven't.

~Antonia Fraser

I'm very interested in good and evil and the moral natures of people.

~Antonia Fraser

As long as you persecute people, you will actually throw up terrorism.

~Antonia Fraser

Mary Queen of Scots was my first love, and that is always something special.

~Antonia Fraser

My mother, who was quite sharp when I was young, became utterly mild.

~Antonia Fraser

I have no plans for a future Jemima Shore mystery, but would write one tomorrow if a good idea came to me.

~Antonia Fraser

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