Bernhard Schlink Quotes

Memories, Beautiful, Children, Law, Doe, Book, Lying, Sometimes, Answers, Thinking, Want, Long, Running, Would Be, Past, Doctors, Apology, Trying, Awkward, Years There's no need to talk about it, because the truth of what one says lies in what one does.

~Bernhard Schlink

When an airplane's engines fail, it is not the end of the flight. ~Bernhard Schlink

When we open ourselves you yourself to me and I myself to you, when we submerge you into me and I into you when we vanish into me you and into you I Then am I me and you are you.

~Bernhard Schlink

People who commit monstrous crimes are not necessarily monsters. If they were, things would be easy. But they aren't and it is one of the experiences of life.

~Bernhard Schlink

Desires, memories, fears, passions form labyrinths in which we lose and find and then lose ourselves again.

~Bernhard Schlink

I certainly know German colleagues in the US who try to be Americans, try to melt into Americanism, even before they get married and become American citizens. But I've never tried that.

~Bernhard Schlink

The more I suffer, the more I love.

~Bernhard Schlink

I did not know that children think the hard questions they ask are easy and thus expect easy answers to them, and that they are disappointed when they get cautious, complex answers.

~Bernhard Schlink

Sometimes the memory of happiness cannot stay true because it ended unhappily.

~Bernhard Schlink

why does what was beautiful shatter in hindsight because it concealed dark truths?

~Bernhard Schlink

We make our own truths and lies....Truths are often lies and lies truths. ~Bernhard Schlink

Or is there no such thing as 'too late'? Is there only 'late' and is 'late' always better than 'never'? I don't know.

~Bernhard Schlink

So I was still guilty. And if I was not guilty because one cannot be guilty of betraying a criminal, then I was guilty of having loved a criminal. ~Bernhard Schlink

What is law? Is it what is on the books, or what is actually enacted and obeyed in a society? Or is law what must be enacted and obeyed, whether or not it is on the books, if things are to go right? ~Bernhard Schlink

I asked her about life, and it was as if she rummaged around in a dusty chest to get me the answers.

~Bernhard Schlink

Philosophy has forgotten about children

~Bernhard Schlink

In the past, I had particularly loved her smell. She always smelled freshed, freshly washed or of freshed laundry or fresh sweat or freshly loved

~Bernhard Schlink

Bravery is good when the cause is good.

~Bernhard Schlink

As an author, you can't expect a movie to be an illustration of the book. If that's what you hope for, you shouldn't sell the rights.

~Bernhard Schlink

I can't say I'm thankful about being German because I sometimes experience it as a huge burden. But it is an integral part of me and I wouldn't want to escape it. I have accepted it.

~Bernhard Schlink

The past has to be remembered, so that it's never repeated.

~Bernhard Schlink

The Odyssey is the story of motion both purposeful and purposeless, successful and futile. What else is the history of law?

~Bernhard Schlink

What a sad story, I thought for so long. Not that I now think it was happy. But I think it is true, and thus the question of whether it is sad or happy has no meaning whatever.

~Bernhard Schlink

Now to escape involves not just running away, but arriving somewhere. ~Bernhard Schlink

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