

# Beryl Bainbridge

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Trauma*

The older one becomes the quicker the present fades into sepia and the past looms up in glorious technicolour

~Beryl Bainbridge

Being constantly with children was like wearing a pair of shoes that were expensive and too small. She couldn't bear to throw them out, but they gave her blisters.

~Beryl Bainbridge

Once the grammar has been learned, writing is simply talking on paper and in time learning what not to say.

~Beryl Bainbridge

Everything else you grow out of, but you never recover from childhood.

~Beryl Bainbridge

It is the generation of the unemphatic. Steal, kill, lie, fornicate, but beware of indulging with conviction.

~Beryl Bainbridge

The prize I value most was given to me 60 years ago. I was named the girl with the cleanest fingernails.

~Beryl Bainbridge

What we remember is probably fiction anyway.

~Beryl Bainbridge

Women are programmed to love completely, and men are programmed to spread it around. We are fools to think it's any different.

~Beryl Bainbridge

There is nothing more guaranteed to reduce a man to the essentials than to live beneath the sky.

~Beryl Bainbridge

It seems to me that a mutually beneficial relationship between a man and woman requires the man to be dominant. A sensible woman will allow the man to think he is the most important partner.

~Beryl Bainbridge

Moonlight lined the windowsills like a fall of snow.

~Beryl Bainbridge

Emotions weren't like washing. There was no call to peg them out for all the world to view.

~Beryl Bainbridge

I've never been drawn to the feminist movement. I was brought up to believe that men had little to do with the home or children - except to bring in the money.

~Beryl Bainbridge

no one had experiences any more, only traumas.

~Beryl Bainbridge

When passion is mutual, there is always the danger of the fire burning to ashes.

~Beryl Bainbridge

The vital accessories to my work are my reference books, such as the complete Shakespeare and a prayer book, and a large refuse bin.

~Beryl Bainbridge

nothing is so sad as the injustices of old age.

~Beryl Bainbridge

There are many things in this life capable of throwing people off course - the death of someone close, the loss of income or health, the realisation that cherished hopes cannot always be fulfilled

~Beryl Bainbridge

I've never been put down by a man, unless I deserved it, and have never felt inferior.

~Beryl Bainbridge

The sun burnt on, drugging everything with warmth.

~Beryl Bainbridge

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