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Open adoption, when it works, is fabulous. But when it goes wrong, it's so traumatizing for everybody.

~Caroline Leavitt

Writers are magpies, and we collect details about people and we use them for fictional characters.

~Caroline Leavitt

I had a nervous breakdown at 17 when my first love left me, and he was a typical bad boy, albeit a charismatic one, with a string of broken hearts trailing behind him.

~Caroline Leavitt

Do what you love. Live fearlessly and take risks. Don't take no for an answer from anyone - go ahead and prove the naysayers wrong. Believe that anything can be possible.

~Caroline Leavitt

I always think that in a big city, anything is possible, including reinventing yourself.

~Caroline Leavitt

Everyone thinks that a new place or a new identity will jumpstart a new life.

~Caroline Leavitt

L.A. is a place people come to for all sorts of reasons, often to reinvent themselves, and that fascinates me.

~Caroline Leavitt

My first husband was a serial cheater.

~Caroline Leavitt

Never be with anyone you couldn't imagine yourself being able to live

without.

~Caroline Leavitt

People love stories. They need stories.

~Caroline Leavitt

I just love that feeling of being in another world, of creating characters and watching where they go.

~Caroline Leavitt

I write about the things that haunt or obsess me.

~Caroline Leavitt

I am an indifferent cook but I can make pie.

~Caroline Leavitt

Housewives of the 1950s were supposed to create show-stopping meals every night for their hard-working husbands.

~Caroline Leavitt

I love rewriting because that is where and how you discover the story. Its like you have this skeleton, and you get to put flesh on it and hair and clothes and really wonderful jewelry.

~Caroline Leavitt

I think the Internet has made things a lot easier. Twitter and Facebook let you really connect to your readers effortlessly!

~Caroline Leavitt

I was a bookworm who aced every test - until third grade, when my teacher handed out a pop quiz about Jesus and the Apostles.

~Caroline Leavitt

A product name has to be specific. You know that Tasty Soup is tasty -

that Hot Chips will burn off the roof of your mouth.

~Caroline Leavitt

When you love what you do, it stops seeming like work and instead becomes necessity.

~Caroline Leavitt

There have been years where I've had to take a real job and I wrote during slow times and lunches. I think never forgetting how lucky I am to be able to do something I love has really fueled me.

~Caroline Leavitt

I think my stubbornness has served me well. I just knew at an early age what I wanted to do and I was determined to be able to make it happen, no matter how long it took.

~Caroline Leavitt

A lot of people hurl themselves into relationships to lose themselves, but I think the best relationships help us to be more ourselves, to bring forth our best selves.

~Caroline Leavitt

I've always had a clear sense that time is short and we need to live as fully as we can in every moment.

~Caroline Leavitt

I think it's crucial to live, play and work passionately. I'm inspired by my husband, my son and the sense of possibility in the world.

~Caroline Leavitt

E-readers are changing the way we read, and the author is now required to get out there and be a kind of showman, an unlikely role for introspective people used to working in their pajamas!

~Caroline Leavitt

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