

# Christine de Pizan

## Quotes

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Believe, Women, Art, Desire, Girl, Objects, Ribs, Battle, Failing*

A woman with a mind is fit for any task.

~Christine de Pizan

Men who have slandered the opposite sex have usually known women who were cleverer and more virtuous than they are.

~Christine de Pizan

I considered myself most unfortunate because God had made me inhabit a female body in this world

~Christine de Pizan

It is a deed of greater charity to give a bit of bread to the poor in the time of high prices and famine, than a whole loaf in the time of fertility and abundance.

~Christine de Pizan

Just as women's bodies are softer than men's, so their understanding is sharper.

~Christine de Pizan

If it were customary to send little girls to school and teach them the same subjects as are taught to boys, they would learn just as fully and would understand the subtleties of all arts and sciences.

~Christine de Pizan

If it has to be that wars and battles are begun for many reasons and quarrels, then they should also be avoided and shunned by better and more valid reasons.

~Christine de Pizan

Only the dead fail to reach out with both hands.

~Christine de Pizan

there is no fire without smoke but there is often smoke without fire.

~Christine de Pizan

The foolish rush to end their lives. Only the steadfast soul survives.

~Christine de Pizan

Poetry's object is truth.

~Christine de Pizan

How many women are there ... who because of their husbands' harshness spend their weary lives in the bond of marriage in greater suffering than if they were slaves among the Saracens?

~Christine de Pizan

Does a rake deserve to possess anything of worth, since he chases everything in skirts and then imagines he can successfully hide his shame by slandering [women in general]?

~Christine de Pizan

Though sad at heart, to sing joyfully.

~Christine de Pizan

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