

# Colleen McCullough

## Quotes

*People, Art, Women, Pain, Character, Men, Want, Bird, Knows, Giving, Two,  
Mean, Hate, Writing, Kind, Age, Heart, Song, Mouths, Names*

My fictitious characters will take the bit between their teeth and gallop off and do something that I hadn't counted on. However, I always insist on dragging them back to the straight and narrow

~Colleen McCullough

I want to know what they look like, their height, and colouring, physique and speech patters.

~Colleen McCullough

There's a hell of a lot of horny people out there who are not being gratified in the way they should be.

~Colleen McCullough

There are no ambitions noble enough to justify breaking someone's heart.

~Colleen McCullough

If you love people, they kill you. If you need people, they kill you. They do I tell you!

~Colleen McCullough

I hate being on my best behavior. It brings out the absolute worst in me.

~Colleen McCullough

The Labour Party of today has fits of horrors of the very thought of somebody like me might saying that they bought in white Australia. But I believe they did.

~Colleen McCullough

The lovely thing about being forty is that you can appreciate twenty-five-year-old men more.

~Colleen McCullough

What was sleep? A blessing, a respite from life, an echo of death, a demanding nuisance?

~Colleen McCullough

Belief doesn't rest on proof or existence...it rests on faith...without faith there is nothing.

~Colleen McCullough

That's the purpose of old age... To give us a breathing space before we die, in which to see why we did what we did.

~Colleen McCullough

Love and hate are cruel, only liking is kind

~Colleen McCullough

When we press the thorn to our chest we know, we understand, and still we do it.

~Colleen McCullough

Yet there's something ominous about turning sixty-five. Suddenly old age is not a phenomenon which will occur; it has occurred.

~Colleen McCullough

Perfection, in anything, is unbearably dull. Myself, I prefer a touch of imperfection.

~Colleen McCullough

Best of all she liked his eyes, such a translucent golden brown, and so laughing.

~Colleen McCullough

I have an editor in my head, that's why I can't read Harry Potter, because Rowling is such a lousy writer.

~Colleen McCullough

duty, the most indecent of all obsessions, was only another name for love.

~Colleen McCullough

I think explicit love scenes are a turn off unless it's the kind you read with one hand.

~Colleen McCullough

There is no doubt that it is more difficult to read and more difficult to write but I still manage.

~Colleen McCullough

I am writing a sequel to *The Touch* because I want to further explore the Chinese question that I have raised. There will be more about that in a sequel.

~Colleen McCullough

My husband says it is very good that I have very tiny feet, because they're easier to get in my mouth.

~Colleen McCullough

How frightening, that one person could mean so much, so many things.

~Colleen McCullough

It's no fun to be a bluestocking in a family of jockstraps.

~Colleen McCullough

I escaped the torture of my childhood home by reading. To this day it is still one of my greatest pleasures.

~Colleen McCullough

..the best is only bought at the cost of great pain...or so says the legend

~Colleen McCullough

...she looked like the sort of woman most men would want to get to know because they weren't sure what went on inside.

~Colleen McCullough

It's a dead give away of an inexperienced writer if every character speaks with the same voice

~Colleen McCullough

Oh, that feels good! I don't know who invented ties and then insisted a man was only properly dressed when he wore one, but if I ever meet him, I'll strangle him with his own invention

~Colleen McCullough

We're working-class people, which means we don't get rich or have maids. Be content with what you are and what you have.

~Colleen McCullough

My books and other works are my legacy, and it's a great comfort to know that mine is a legacy of pleasure for other people.

~Colleen McCullough

... the most insoluble problems are those which by their very nature can have no space within them for dreams.

~Colleen McCullough

Truly God was good, to make man so blind.

~Colleen McCullough

There was some justice in his pain

~Colleen McCullough

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