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Marriage is like a well-built porch. If one of the two posts leans too much, the porch collapses. So each must be strong enough to stand on its own.

~Deb Caletti

...wanting things for the wrong reasons can turn anyone's life into a marshmallow on a stick over a hot fire: impossibly messy and eventually consumed, one way or another.

~Deb Caletti

That's what people do who love you. They put their arms around you and love you when you're not so lovable.

~Deb Caletti

You've got to say what you mean and mean what you say...Doubt in your voice is an open door people will shove right through.

~Deb Caletti

The loneliness you feel with another person, the wrong person, is the loneliest of all.

~Deb Caletti

You've got to have someone who loves your body. Who doesn't define you, but sees you. Who loves what he sees. Who you don't have to struggle to be good enough for.

~Deb Caletti

We don't want you convicted for condiment theft. You go to that prison, you'll meet big-time operators. Maple syrup stealers.

~Deb Caletti

We can get so wrapped up in our own misconceptions that we miss the simple beauty of the truth.

It made me wonder how many times we forgive just because we don't want to lose someone, even if they don't deserve our forgiveness.

~Deb Caletti

It was one of those times you feel a sense of loss, even though you didn't have something in the first place. I guess that's what disappointment is- a sense of loss for something you never had.

~Deb Caletti

If time heals all wounds, and a book can hold a person's entire life, then you can speed up the process with a pulp time warp.

~Deb Caletti

To an untrained eye, need and love were as easily mistaken for each other as the real master's painting and a forgery.

~Deb Caletti

Love can come when you're already who you are, when you're filled with you. Not when you look to someone else to fill the empty space.

~Deb Caletti

I vow... "to not let the back & forth of forgiveness interrupt the steadiness of love.

~Deb Caletti

I finally learned that it was all right to say something wasn't working for me when it wasn't working. The world doesn't come crashing down when you speak the truth.

~Deb Caletti

Supposedly there's an actual, researched link between extreme creativity and mental illness, and I believe it because I've seen it with my own eyes.

Cool superiority as a mask for overflowing insecurity.

~Deb Caletti

No one is ever quite as strong or as weak as you'd think.

~Deb Caletti

Sometimes I've even wished there was a human pause button, where you could choose some point in your life where you could stay always.

~Deb Caletti

Most people, it seems like they've only got one part of the equation down. Caring for themselves, or caring for someone else. And I'v learned how important it is to have both.

~Deb Caletti

A lady I will be, but a man's accessory, his handbag, no thank you. I will not be someone's ornament. I will not just be someone's honey, baby, sweetheart.

~Deb Caletti

If letting go, if letting people and things work themselves out in the way that they needed to without your help was the most important thing, then it was also the hardest.

~Deb Caletti

Too often in my life, love has been defined as "humiliation with occasional roses".

~Deb Caletti

Because words were hills and valleys you traveled, so lovely sometimes that they hurt your eyes.

~Deb Caletti

Summer, after all, is a time when wonderful things can happen to quiet

people.

~Deb Caletti

Bliss is the ocean, a towel on the sand, the sun out, the chance to swim in waves or walk dragging a stick behind you, a good book, a cold drink.

~Deb Caletti

Things that came apart could be put together again, but never exactly the same.

~Deb Caletti

Just because it turned out bad, doesn't mean it wasn't meant.

~Deb Caletti

When you're not sure whether you're in love with someone or not, the answer is not.

~Deb Caletti

You can want one thing and have a secret wish for its opposite.

~Deb Caletti

She would bring you some great book because she was a book matchmaker, because she loved books the way other girls loved clothes.

~Deb Caletti

Blessed booksâ€"they're a place to be alone, and no one else can come in.

~Deb Caletti

So I put up with bad behavior in the name of loving the way I thought you were supposed to love.

If you look up "charming" in the dictionary, you'll see that it not only has references to strong attraction, but to spells and magic. Then again, what are liars if not great magicians?

~Deb Caletti

It's hard to see clearly when your eyes are squinched tight out of fear.

~Deb Caletti

A drop of poison on that gathering snow. That moment in the fairy tale when we know what just happened but the princess doesn't.

~Deb Caletti

You take care of the people you love, but it's true, too, that you take care of the things you own.

~Deb Caletti

Maybe we all just want to feel special, even for a little while, to be fooled for a bit into feeling something besides the truth of our own ordinariness.

~Deb Caletti

Accents are funny in that they have this odd draw for us, yet we forget we have one, too. No one is without an accent, but the one you've got seems like oatmeal to their caviar.

~Deb Caletti

A person who says "it's your decision" is informing you that your decision sucks.

~Deb Caletti

It can be exhausting eating a meal cooked by a man. With a woman, it's, Ho hum, pass the beans. A guy, you have to act like he just built the Taj Mahal.

The scariest part of forever is that nothing is.

~Deb Caletti

A lot of life is just surviving what happens.

~Deb Caletti

A relationship could be a place to hide too.

~Deb Caletti

The most insane things can become normal if you have them around you long enough. A mind can't seem to hold anything too crazy for too long without finding a way to make it seem normal.

~Deb Caletti

I felt a constant, low-flying desperation, the kind you feel when you are trying, trying to get something you will never, ever get.

~Deb Caletti

You can hold a secret, hold it so far in that it drives nearly every thought and every move you make- your very heartbeat, almost.

~Deb Caletti

Then again, what are liars if not great magicians?

~Deb Caletti

It's shocking the things we call love.

~Deb Caletti

They never told you that stranger might be someone you knew.

~Deb Caletti

I've wished for things and never really had the chance...It's time to stop dreaming and do something about it. You've got to know what you want, then...go.

~Deb Caletti

When what you want is a relationship, and not a person, get a dog.

~Deb Caletti

Sometimes good choices are really bad ones, wrapped up in so much fear you can't even see straight.

~Deb Caletti

I guess forgiveness, like happiness, isn't a final destination. You don't one day get there and get to stay.

~Deb Caletti

Sometimes you're sure dogs have some secret, superior intelligence, and other times you know they're only their simple, goofy selves.

~Deb Caletti

Rejection, though--it could make the loss of someone you weren't even that crazy about feel gut wrenching and world ending.

~Deb Caletti

Stereotypes are fast and easy, but they are lies, and the truth takes its time.

~Deb Caletti

I don't know why we do it. But sometimes we just swim straight for the net.

~Deb Caletti

I shouldn't have to be a liar to make someone love me. I shouldn't be so afraid of losing someone that I'll do anything to make them stay.

~Deb Caletti

It's good to let God pick a man for you. We don't do so well when we

pick them ourselves. They end up lipsticks in a drawer, all those wrong colors you thought looked so good in the package.

~Deb Caletti

Stories took twists and turns down fairy-tale paths or down very human everyday ones. You think you're at the end of the book, and it's only the end of a chapter.

~Deb Caletti

People are secretive when they have secrets.

~Deb Caletti

If you don't participate, you're just taking up oxygen. (Bunny) Life is a banquet. Approach it with hunger. (Chuck)

~Deb Caletti

I would have spoken, had my heart not been in my throat

~Deb Caletti

It's a simple truth that a secret is something you're ashamed of.

~Deb Caletti

Maybe we all just wanted someone to believe in. That's all each of us wanted, and it should be so simple, but it never was simple.

~Deb Caletti

Maybe sometimes you just feel like everything can be taken from you all at once.

~Deb Caletti

Funny the only two times we use the phrase "seeing someone" are when we are referring to being in a a relationship or getting psychological help.

I was like a chocolate in a box, looking well behaved and perfect in place, all the while harboring a secret center.

~Deb Caletti

This was what happened after you'd been together with someone a long time. You loved that it was old and worn and comfy, but sometimes it was old and worn and comfy.

~Deb Caletti

One of the hardest tasks as a human being is knowing when to keep an open mind, and when not to.

~Deb Caletti

I kept trying to talk myself out of my second thoughts when they were trying to help me. My advice? When it comes to relationships, second thoughts should be promoted.

~Deb Caletti

I don't get why prom is like a mini-wedding these days...No one should spend that kind of money for a high school dance.

~Deb Caletti

Maybe it was wrong, or maybe impossible, but I wanted the truth to be one thing. One solid thing.

~Deb Caletti

I don't know why we insist on pain when pain is so often easy to eliminate. It's funny the ways we try to punish ourselves when we feel we've committed some crime.

~Deb Caletti

I mean it's purposeful, even if we don't realize it. The desire to put things in our path, to figure out how to finally leave the behindâ€l.

What's that about? Love must be more about power than we think, if even in its most intimate moment of expression we think about not being the one who risks the most.

~Deb Caletti

... But then again, a person could turn ugly. Their actual look could change when their actions were repulsive.

~Deb Caletti

You â€l You had always made the future feel safe. As long as you were in it too, beside me, I could be okay.

~Deb Caletti

Beaches, music, and car ridesâ€"they could all bring on a sudden bout of deep, dreamy thoughts.

~Deb Caletti

Sometimes you've got to make a mess before you clean it up.

~Deb Caletti

When you raise an animal, you live it like your own child.

~Deb Caletti

Most of our parents wanted the best for us, I knew, but we also wanted the best for them.

~Deb Caletti

The hurt affects your ability to go forward.

~Deb Caletti

...we are all a volume on the shelf of the... library, a story unto ourselves, never possibly described with one word or even very accurately with thousands.

Control was just wishful thinking, and you controlled things to hedge your bets, to be safe, to guard against loss.

~Deb Caletti

They say religion is about love, but you wonder how much of it really is about fear.

~Deb Caletti

And if you could make a choice, then why not pick happiness?

~Deb Caletti

There are so many different fifteens. And eighteens. And forty-twos, for that matter. Mature fifteens and young fifteens and wise fifteens and lost fifteens. And angry fifteens.

~Deb Caletti

Maybe some people just had trouble with forever.

~Deb Caletti

Being needed was a handy trick. It could fill you up so full you never even noticed all the places that were empty.

~Deb Caletti

Sometimes thatÂ's all you needâ€l, to know itÂ's not broken. To know you're still whole and that you'll heal.

~Deb Caletti

We are thickly layered, page lying upon page, behind simple covers. And love - it is not the book itself, but the binding.

~Deb Caletti

It took me years to figure out that upset was upset, and tumultuousness was not the same thing as passion. Love isn't drama.

We should not give away a moment to anyone who does not deserve it.

~Deb Caletti

Love seems to be something to approach with caution, as if you'd come across a wrapped box in the middle of the street and have no idea what it contains.

~Deb Caletti

The most basic and somehow forgettable thing is this: Love is not pain. Love is goodness. And real love--it's less shiny than solid and simple.

~Deb Caletti

You could care enough to keep a secret, but you could care enough to tell one, too.

~Deb Caletti

An untold story has a weight that can submerge you, sure as a sunken ship at the bottom of the ocean.

~Deb Caletti

I thought I might cry, the way you do when someone gives you some kindness when you most need it but when it seems the most surprising thing.

~Deb Caletti

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