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Happiness is excitement that has found a settling down place, but there is always a little corner that keeps flapping around.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Before you can be anything, you have to be yourself. That's the hardest thing to find.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Whenever someone makes out a guest list, the people not on it become officially uninvited, and that makes them the enemies of the invited. Guest lists are just a way of choosing sides.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Because way down deep they know that civilized people have to preserve rare birds.

~E. L. Konigsburg

I'm not sure that love and like aren't like cats and dogs: One can't grow up to be the other, but they can be taught to live under the same roof.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Indecisiveness wears a person out.

~E. L. Konigsburg

I am convinced that not only do children need children's books to fine-tune their brains, but our civilization needs them if we are not going to unplug ourselves from our collective past.

~E. L. Konigsburg

It is sometimes necessary to use unnecessary words like thank you and please just to make life prettier.

~E. L. Konigsburg

By the time they get to 6th grade honor roll students won't risk making a

mistake, and sometimes to be successful, you have to risk making mistakes.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Silence does for thinking what a suspension bridge does for space -- it makes connections.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Ninety percent of who you are is invisible." - Mrs. Zender

~E. L. Konigsburg

Jamie, you know, you could go clear around the world and still come home wondering if the tuna fish sandwiches at Chock Full O'Nuts still cost thirty-five cents.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Talk was like the vitamins of our friendship: Large daily doses kept it healthy.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Often the search proves more profitable than the goal.

~E. L. Konigsburg

When you hug someone, you learn something else about them. An important something else.

~E. L. Konigsburg

How can you know what is missing if you've never met it? You must know of something's existence before you can notice its absence.

~E. L. Konigsburg

True simplicity is elegant.

~E. L. Konigsburg

There were times in school when a person had to do things fast, cheap, and without character.

~E. L. Konigsburg

I've been the oldest child since before you were born

~E. L. Konigsburg

A nasty letter or a sarcastic one can make you righteously angry, but what can you do about a polite letter of rejection? Nothing, really, except cry.

~E. L. Konigsburg

I don't think there is any feeling I like more than the one that someone is glad to see me. â€"Connor Kane

~E. L. Konigsburg

Every now and then, a person must do something simply because he wants to, because it seems to him worth doing. And that does not make it worthless or a waste of time.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Nathan, how can you stand playing the same piece over and over again?" And Grandpa Nate answered, "Why don't you ask me how I can stand making love to the same woman over and over again?

~E. L. Konigsburg

Can you know excellence if you've never seen it? Can you know good if you have seen only bad?

~E. L. Konigsburg

It often takes more courage to be a passenger than a driver.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Because after a time having a secret and nobody knowing you have a

secret us no fun. And although you dont want others to know what the secret is, you want them to at least know you have one.

~E. L. Konigsburg

...just because I don't have on a silly black costume and carry a silly broom and wear a silly black hat, doesn't mean that I'm not a witch. I'm a witch all the time and not just on Halloween.

~E. L. Konigsburg

The eyes are the windows of the soul.... If someone was to look into your eyes, what would you want them to see?

~E. L. Konigsburg

Going to school- picking an apple Getting an education- eating it ~E. L. Konigsburg

Sometimes we even have to risk making fools of ourselves.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Five minutes of planning are worth fifteen minutes of just looking.

~E. L. Konigsburg

They are saying that if life has a structure, a staff, a sensible scaffold, we hang our nonsense on it. And they are saying that broken parts add color and music to the staff of life.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Never have a long conversation with anyone who says "between you and I.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Sometimes silence is a habit that hurts?

~E. L. Konigsburg

Biding one's time is a very different thing from patience.

~E. L. Konigsburg

There's something nice and safe about having money.

~E. L. Konigsburg

Secrets are the kind of adventure she needs. Secrets are safe, and they do much to make you different. On the inside where it counts.

~E. L. Konigsburg

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