

Edna Ferber Quotes

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Big doesn't necessarily mean better. Sunflowers aren't better than violets.

~Edna Ferber

We no longer build fireplaces for physical warmth—we build them for the warmth of the soul; we build them to dream by, to hope by, to home by.

~Edna Ferber

The goat's business is none of the sheep's concern.

~Edna Ferber

Writers should be read but not seen. Rarely are they a winsome sight.

~Edna Ferber

A closed mind is a dying mind.

~Edna Ferber

Living the past is a dull and lonely business; looking back strains the neck muscles, causing you to bump into people not going your way.

~Edna Ferber

It was part of the Texas ritual? We know about champagne and caviar but we talk hog and hominy.

~Edna Ferber

There are only two kinds of people in the world that really count. One kind's wheat and the other kind's emeralds.

~Edna Ferber

Funny, isn't it, how your whole life goes by while you think you're only planning the way you're going to live it?

~Edna Ferber

The feminine in the man is the sugar in the whisky. The masculine in the woman is the yeast in the bread. Without these ingredients the result is flat, without tang or flavor.

~Edna Ferber

Life can't ever really defeat a writer who is in love with writing, for life itself is a writer's lover until death - fascinating, cruel, lavish, warm, cold, treacherous, constant.

~Edna Ferber

I am not belittling the brave pioneer men but the sunbonnet as well as the sombrero has helped to settle this glorious land of ours.

~Edna Ferber

If men ever discovered how tough women actually are, they would be scared to death.

~Edna Ferber

Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle.

~Edna Ferber

Books should be cherished, like children, books are for the next generation, like children, like history.

~Edna Ferber

... home isn't always the place where you were born and bred. Home is the place where your everyday clothes are, and where somebody or something needs you.

~Edna Ferber

But always, to her, red and green cabbages were to be jade and burgundy, chrysoprase and prophyr. Life has no weapons against a woman like that.

~Edna Ferber

I suppose it is a gift, being young, but it isn't special. We've all got it, early in life.

~Edna Ferber

Spring ... made fair false promises which summer was called upon to keep.

~Edna Ferber

A woman can look both moral and exciting... if she also looks as if it was quite a struggle.

~Edna Ferber

If American politics are too dirty for women to take part in, there's something wrong with American politics.

~Edna Ferber

The small town smart set is deadly serious about its smartness.

~Edna Ferber

It's terrible to realize that you don't learn how to live until you're ready to die; and, then it's too late.

~Edna Ferber

Opinion! If every one had so little tact as to give their true opinion when it was asked this would be a miserable world.

~Edna Ferber

Emma McChesney was engaged in that nerve-wracking process known as getting things out of the way. When Emma McChesney aimed to get things out of the way she did not use a shovel; she used a road-drag.

~Edna Ferber

I never would just open a door and walk through, I had to bust it down for the hell of it. I just naturally liked doing things the hard way.

~Edna Ferber

A stricken tree, a living thing, so beautiful, so dignified, so admirable in its potential longevity, is, next to man, perhaps the most touching of wounded objects.

~Edna Ferber

A writer's working hours are his waking hours. He is working as long as he is conscious and frequently when he isn't.

~Edna Ferber

It sounds so far away and different. I like different places. I like any places that isn't here.

~Edna Ferber

All the difference in the world between the movies and the thrill I get out of a play at the theater. Ay, yes! Like fooling around with paper dolls when you could be playing with a real live baby.

~Edna Ferber

Roast Beef, Medium, is not only a food. It is a philosophy. ... Roast Beef, Medium, is safe, and sane, and sure.

~Edna Ferber

If it's freedom you want, come to Texas. No one there tells you what to do and how you have to do it.

~Edna Ferber

Housework's the hardest work in the world. That's why men won't do it.

~Edna Ferber

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.

~Edna Ferber

A whole roomful of Jews is like a charged battery. The vitality sparks seem to fly, and frequently the result is a short circuit.

~Edna Ferber

Perhaps too much of everything is as bad as too little.

~Edna Ferber

The writer is a writer because he cannot help it. It is a compulsion.

~Edna Ferber

Anything can have happened in Oklahoma. Practically everything has.

~Edna Ferber

No one in the United States has the right to own millions of acres of American land, I don't care how they came by it.

~Edna Ferber

There is an interesting resemblance in the speeches of dictators, no matter what country they may hail from or what language they may speak.

~Edna Ferber

Most of the men regarded Europe as a wine list. In their mental geography Rheims, Rhine, Moselle, Bordeaux, Champagne, or Würzburg were not localities but libations.

~Edna Ferber

One can summon courage and fortitude to face tragedy; irritations and frustrations are a cloud of mosquitoes that nip and sting and drive one frantic.

~Edna Ferber

Take Texas the way Texas takes bourbon. Straight. It goes down easier.

~Edna Ferber

People in big empty places are likely to behave very much as the gods did on Olympus.

~Edna Ferber

Nicknames are fond names. We do not give them to people we dislike.

~Edna Ferber

The ideal view for daily writing, hour for hour, is the blank brick wall of a cold-storage warehouse. Failing this, a stretch of sky will do, cloudless if possible.

~Edna Ferber

Whoever said love conquers all was a fool. Because almost everything conquers love - or tries to.

~Edna Ferber

Cherry cobbler is shortcake with a soul.

~Edna Ferber

I'm tired of hearing you men say that this and that and the other isn't woman's work. Any work is woman's work that a woman can do well.

~Edna Ferber

No woman ought to pretend she's intelligent. And if she is she ought to have the intelligence to pretend she isn't.

~Edna Ferber

Writing, to be memorable, must be done in a state of impassioned serenity.

~Edna Ferber

[Women] ... is nothin' but little girls in long skirts, and their hair done up.

~Edna Ferber

Bizarre as was the name she bore, Kim Ravenal always said she was thankful it had been no worse.

~Edna Ferber

Writing is not an amusing occupation. It is a combination of ditch-digging, mountain-climbing, treadmill and childbirth.

~Edna Ferber

Any garment which is cut to fit you is much more becoming, even if it is not so splendid as a garment which has been cut to fit somebody not of your stature.

~Edna Ferber

don't you hate people who say they're not complaining and then complain?

~Edna Ferber

here in Texas maybe we've got into the habit of confusing bigness with greatness.

~Edna Ferber

A placated bully is a hand-fed bully.

~Edna Ferber

Men often marry their mothers.

~Edna Ferber

About mistakes it's funny. You got to make your own; and not only that, if you try to keep people from making theirs they get mad.

~Edna Ferber

The very rich and the very social are, often, the very stuffy.

~Edna Ferber

But I have felt that to be a Jew was, in some ways at least, to be especially privileged.

~Edna Ferber

Does one eat peanuts at a ball game?' 'It ain't hardly legal if you don't.

~Edna Ferber

People permit life to slide past them like a deft pickpocket, their purse-not yet missed and now too late-in his hand.

~Edna Ferber

Your idea of bliss is to wake up on a Monday morning knowing you haven't a single engagement for the entire week. You are cradled in a white paper cocoon tied up with typewriter ribbon.

~Edna Ferber

There are ... just two kinds of girls. Those who go down town Saturday nights, and those who don't.

~Edna Ferber

There's no sauce for play like work.

~Edna Ferber

A story must simmer in its own juice for months or even years before it's ready to serve.

~Edna Ferber

Christmas is not a season. It is a feeling.

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You lose in the end unless you know how the wheel is fixed or can fix it

yourself.

~Edna Ferber

I think that in order to write really well and convincingly, one must be somewhat poisoned by emotion.

~Edna Ferber

celebratin' New Year's Eve is like eatin' oranges. You got to let go your dignity t' really enjoy 'em.

~Edna Ferber

But almost any place is Baghdad if you don't know what will happen in it.

~Edna Ferber

I like any place that isn't here.

~Edna Ferber

Science had married the wilderness and was taming the savage shrew.

~Edna Ferber

Imported actors, like certain wines, sometimes do not stand the ocean trip. This can be as true of American actors in Europe as it is of European actors in America.

~Edna Ferber

The astronomers tell us that other planets are gifted with two - four - even nine lavish moons. Imagine the romantic possibilities of nine moons.

~Edna Ferber

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