

Elizabeth Edwards Quotes

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She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I was an English major in college, and then I went to graduate school in English at the University of North Carolina for three years.

~Elizabeth Edwards

My job as the mother of daughters is to make sure my children see that every opportunity is available to them.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Resilience is accepting your new reality, even if it's less good than the one you had before.

~Elizabeth Edwards

This diagnosis is a reminder that this is the life you've got. And you're not getting another one. Whatever has happened, you have to take this life and treasure and protect it.

~Elizabeth Edwards

It's just a part of our nature to hope.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Tabloid news is tabloid news.

~Elizabeth Edwards

... all things are possible if you are willing to put yourself on the line. You cannot stand back and hope for the best. You have to act.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You recognize a survivor when you see one. You recognize a fighter when you see one.

~Elizabeth Edwards

A lot of people have great hope, and a lot of people who have great hope live. And, some of them who have great hope die. So it's not that hope is going to save you.

~Elizabeth Edwards

We were never a family that had a lot. We had enough, but not a lot.

~Elizabeth Edwards

We have a middle class that lives on a razor blade. So sometimes when you say poverty, you neglect a large portion of the population.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Life is this great big blackboard, and on it you write all the things that you do.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You have to have enough respect for other human beings to leave their lives alone. If you admire that life, build it for yourself. Don't just try to come in and take somebody else's life.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I want to reclaim who I am.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I think that we're foolhardy to not be engaging in federal funding of stem-cell research in the most aggressive way we possibly can.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I could be wrong, but I think heterosexual marriage is threatened more by heterosexuals. I don't know why gay marriage challenges my marriage in any way.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Leave me if you must, but be faithful to me if you are with me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Concentrate on the things that matter to you.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Everybody has their burdens, their grief that they carry with them.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I think that it is our intention to deny cancer any control over us.

~Elizabeth Edwards

People find it a great blessing if their child left behind a child.

~Elizabeth Edwards

It takes a lot of work to put together a marriage, to put together a family and a home.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Cancer is not a straight line. It's up and down.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Successful health reform must not just make health insurance affordable, affordable health insurance has to make health care affordable.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Nordie's at Noon is an honest and inspiring testament to [these authors'] experiences which, I am completely confident... will inspire thousands of women as it inspired me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I am imperfect in a million ways, but I always thought I was the kind of woman, the kind of wife to whom a husband would be faithful.

~Elizabeth Edwards

If people think that you're throwing babies out, dissecting children, to do stem-cell research, I'm not for that.

~Elizabeth Edwards

One of the things that I think you see sometimes in politics is a certain degree of caution. It's usually advised by consultants who don't want to see you march to the end of a limb.

~Elizabeth Edwards

There is nothing about resilience that I can say that my father did not first utter silently in eighteen years of living inside a two-dimensional cutout of himself.

~Elizabeth Edwards

My heart goes out to the grieving parents who lost their two-year-old or their newborn.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I think self-knowledge is the rarest trait in a human being.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I have an obligation to try to live as long as I can for my family.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I can't turn on the television without seeing me, or open the newspaper without seeing me and, honestly, I'm sick to death of me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

The days of our lives, for all of us, are numbered.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Part of resilience is deciding to make yourself miserable over something that matters, or deciding to make yourself miserable over something that doesn't matter.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I don't know why someone else's marriage has anything to do with me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

The worst thing to me would be that you put on the face you think people want to see, and then they don't like it and you think, Would they have liked the real me?

~Elizabeth Edwards

You know, I once read a short story about how much you could tell about people from their shoes. You could tell where they had been, what they did, whether they were real walkers.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Brave people are the firemen who run into the burning building. That's brave.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I've had experiences that, you know, really couldn't be replaced.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Honestly, I get energized by the crowds. They feed me emotionally.

~Elizabeth Edwards

By what you do, you teach your children how to respond to difficult information.

~Elizabeth Edwards

A lot of sad stories in a row - that wears on you.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I think being an effective First Lady is first of all being the partner that your husband needs.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I certainly have a lot to lament, as do we all, everybody has their griefs. But the griefs we can fix, shouldn't we go around fixing them?

~Elizabeth Edwards

Whenever anyone pulls out of the race, you know, unless they've just been trounced in the days before, there's also - always a lot of questions about why that happened.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I've had to come to grips with a God that fits my own experience, which is, my God could not be offering protection and not have protected my boy.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You never know when something's going to hit you in a particular way and just knock you loose.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I grew up in a Navy family.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You know, there are no guarantees on prognosis.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Sometimes you get politicians who dig their feet into the sand and aren't willing to listen to another voice.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Growing up in an Italian family, you use a harsh tone and 10 minutes later everybody forgets about it.

~Elizabeth Edwards

It's more likely in America that your parents will file for bankruptcy than divorce. We think of divorce as so prevalent, but we all know that happens because somebody moves out of the house.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Part of what I want to do is sort of reclaim my story - it belongs to me and to my children, who have to live with whoever their mother is.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I have less energy than I did when I was a younger parent, although I was never really a young parent.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Everybody makes personal decisions that are right for them and if you're in political life, you're used to having those analyzed.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Every parent has gone through a period when their child wasn't so happy with them.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I have three living children for whom this is a father who I want them to love and on whom they're going to have to rely if my disease takes a bad turn.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm actually one of those people who get up energetic in the morning.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm a recovering lawyer. The practice of law has changed. Every agreement is a fight.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I took my son's name. I didn't take my husband's name.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Almost everybody embraces life.

~Elizabeth Edwards

If I had given up everything that my life was about ... I'd let cancer win before it needed to.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You're young. Maybe there'll be time for a do-over if you don't get it right the first time. But there are no guarantees. There will come a time as it has for me when there's no time for a do-over.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Either you push forward with the things that you were doing yesterday or you start dying.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I would have made different choices. You know, I might have married somebody else.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I've spent a lot of words on my own mortality.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I hope I have important things to say.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm completely comfortable with gay marriage.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I love children, love spending time with them; I love getting things for them.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I don't expect to get yesterday's medicine. If I can help it, I'd like to get tomorrow's medicine.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I have a lot that I intend to do in this life.

~Elizabeth Edwards

The military is already sexually integrated.

~Elizabeth Edwards

To be perfectly frank, there is an odd place after losing a child, where you think somehow your life is worth less.

~Elizabeth Edwards

My father had gone to Vietnam.

~Elizabeth Edwards

The way campaign funds are distributed are all a matter of record.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm not a victim - I never want to be perceived that way.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Those who need a champion cannot afford compromise, in the face of forces that are powerful, persistent and pernicious and greedy.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I think I did marry a marvelous man.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You know, everybody knows some of what politicians say is malarkey, and having somebody there to call them on it is good. I'd be happy to do that any time and any place.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You don't have to be perfect; you just have to be open.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I have a husband who adores me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

We're all going to die.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I come out of real life.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I was a 16-year-old girl at one point, so of course I wrote poetry.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm not worried about me or what's going to happen to me.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Compromise today is too often applauded simply for itself. The cost of compromise to principles and real lives doesn't seem to matter.

~Elizabeth Edwards

In a sense, having cancer takes you by the shoulders and shakes you.

~Elizabeth Edwards

I'm part of a community that holds each other up, and it's been great to be held up too.

~Elizabeth Edwards

Maybe we all change over time.

~Elizabeth Edwards

If I say something that ends up on the front page of Drudge, I haven't done it right.

~Elizabeth Edwards

My job is to stay alive until the medicine and research catch up.

~Elizabeth Edwards

You wouldn't know I was sick unless you knew I was sick.

~Elizabeth Edwards

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