

Elizabeth von Arnim

Quotes

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Vanity, Believe, Morning, Healing, Compost, Impossible, Blessing, Going Away,
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What a blessing it is to love books.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

What a blessing it is to love books. Everybody must love something, and I know of no objects of love that give such substantial and unfailing returns as books and a garden.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Well, I for one am unable to imagine how anybody who lives with an intelligent and devoted dog can every be lonely.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

There's no safety in love. You risk the whole of life. But the great thing is to risk -to believe, and to risk everything for your belief.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Love isn't decent. Love is glorious and shameless.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

And the summer seems as though it would dream on for ever.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

I would recommend to those persons who are inclined to stagnate, whose blood is beginning to thicken sluggishly in their veins, to try keeping four dogs, two of which are puppies.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Home is the best place when life begins to wobble.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

The longer I live the greater is my respect for manure in all its forms.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

... Why, it would really be being unselfish to go away and be happy for

a little, because we would come back so much nicer.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Beauty made you love, and love made you beautiful.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Strange that the vanity which accompanies beauty - excusable, perhaps, when there is such great beauty, or at any rate understandable - should persist after the beauty is gone.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Who can begin conventional amiability the first thing in the morning?

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Reading was very important; the proper exercise and development of one's mind was a paramount duty.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

She made him think of his mother, of his nurse, of all things kind and comforting, besides having the attraction of not being his mother or his nurse.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Life is an admirable arrangement, isn't it, little mother. It is so clever of it to have June in every year and a morning in every day, let alone things like birds, and Shakespeare, and one's work.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Impossible for anyone to conceive the torments of his nights in bed with his beloved one and estranged from her. That turning of backs, that cold space between their two unhappy bodies.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Guests can be, and often are, delightful, but they should never be

allowed to get the upper hand.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

I want to be as idle as I can, so that my soul may have time to grow.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

It is beautiful, beautiful to give; one of the very most beautiful things in life.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

if you have once thoroughly bored somebody it is next to impossible to unbore him.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

Books have their idiosyncrasies as well as people, and will not show me their full beauties unless the place and time in which they are read suits them.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

But it is impossible, I find, to tidy books without ending by sitting on the floor in the middle of a great untidiness and reading.

~Elizabeth von Arnim

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