

Ellen Glasgow Quotes

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All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.

~Ellen Glasgow

A tragic irony of life is that we so often achieve success or financial independence after the chief reason for which we sought it has passed away.

~Ellen Glasgow

What happens is not as important as how you react to what happens.

~Ellen Glasgow

It is lovely, when I forget all birthdays, including my own, to find that somebody remembers me.

~Ellen Glasgow

It is human nature to overestimate the thing you've never had.

~Ellen Glasgow

The worst thing about war is that so many people enjoy it.

~Ellen Glasgow

The older I grow the more earnestly I feel that the few joys of childhood are the best that life has to give.

~Ellen Glasgow

I have little faith in the theory that organized killing is the best prelude to peace.

~Ellen Glasgow

The only difference between a rut and a grave are the dimensions.

~Ellen Glasgow

He knows so little and knows it so fluently.

~Ellen Glasgow

No idea is so antiquated that it was not once modern. No idea is so modern that it will not someday be antiquated.

~Ellen Glasgow

Women are one of the Almighty's enigmas to prove to men that He knows more than they do.

~Ellen Glasgow

The government's like a mule, it's slow and it's sure; it's slow to turn, and it's sure to turn the way you don't want it.

~Ellen Glasgow

Nothing in life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it.

~Ellen Glasgow

Words, like acts, become stale when they are repeated.

~Ellen Glasgow

Women like to sit down with trouble - as if it were knitting.

~Ellen Glasgow

Though it sounds absurd, it is true to say I felt younger at sixty than I felt at twenty.

~Ellen Glasgow

Violence commands both literature and life, and violence is always crude and distorted.

~Ellen Glasgow

The surest way of winning love is to look as if you didn't need it.

~Ellen Glasgow

In her single person she managed to produce the effect of a majority.

~Ellen Glasgow

Moderation has never yet engineered an explosion

~Ellen Glasgow

Nothing is more consuming, or more illogical, than the desire for remembrance.

~Ellen Glasgow

though pleasure may be purchasable, happiness cannot be bought for a price.

~Ellen Glasgow

It was a perfect spring afternoon, and the air was filled with vague, roving scents, as if the earth exhaled the sweetness of hidden flowers.

~Ellen Glasgow

Mediocrity would always win by force of numbers, but it would win only more mediocrity.

~Ellen Glasgow

No matter how vital experience might be while you lived it, no sooner was it ended and dead than it became as lifeless as the piles of dry dust in a school history book.

~Ellen Glasgow

There is no support so strong as the strength that enables one to stand alone.

~Ellen Glasgow

Cruelty is the only sin.

~Ellen Glasgow

If broken hearts could kill, the earth would be as dead as the moon.

~Ellen Glasgow

I haven't much opinion of words. They're apt to set fire to a dry tongue, that's what I say.

~Ellen Glasgow

To seize the flying thought before it escapes us is our only touch with reality.

~Ellen Glasgow

Doesn't all experience crumble in the end to mere literary material?

~Ellen Glasgow

[Reformers] might be classified as a distinct species having eyes in the back of their heads.

~Ellen Glasgow

Life may take away happiness. But it can't take away having had it.

~Ellen Glasgow

But there is, I have learned, no permanent escape from the past. It may be an unrecognized law of our nature that we should be drawn back, inevitably, to the place where we have suffered most.

~Ellen Glasgow

I revolted from sentimentality, less because it was false than because it was cruel.

~Ellen Glasgow

Do you know there is always a barrier between me and any man or woman who does not like dogs?

~Ellen Glasgow

After a day of rain the sun came out suddenly at five o'clock and threw

a golden bar into the deep Victorian gloom of the front parlour

~Ellen Glasgow

The pathos of life is worse than the tragedy.

~Ellen Glasgow

convictions ... are always getting in the way of opportunities.

~Ellen Glasgow

After all, you can't expect men not to judge by appearances.

~Ellen Glasgow

I'm not going to lie down and let trouble walk over me.

~Ellen Glasgow

Evidently, whatever else marriage might prevent, it was not a remedy for isolation of spirit.

~Ellen Glasgow

The suitable is the last thing we ever want.

~Ellen Glasgow

The only natural human beings seem to be those who are making trouble.

~Ellen Glasgow

To a thrifty theologian, bent on redemption with economy, there are few points of ethics too fine-spun for splitting.

~Ellen Glasgow

There is only one force stronger than selfishness, and that is stupidity.

~Ellen Glasgow

To teach one's self is to be forced to learn twice.

~Ellen Glasgow

anger and jealousy are spasms of the nerves, not of the heart.

~Ellen Glasgow

Conscience represents a fetich to which good people sacrifice their own happiness, bad people their neighbors'.

~Ellen Glasgow

The hardest thing for me is the sense of impermanence. All passes; nothing returns.

~Ellen Glasgow

No, one couldn't make a revolution, one couldn't even start a riot, with sheep that asked only for better browsing.

~Ellen Glasgow

Dignity is an anachronism.

~Ellen Glasgow

Knowledge, like experience, is valid in fiction only after it has dissolved and filtered down through the imagination into reality.

~Ellen Glasgow

A good novel cannot be too long or a bad novel too short.

~Ellen Glasgow

It is only by knowing how little life has in store for us that we are able to look on the bright side and avoid disappointment.

~Ellen Glasgow

Nothing is more trying than nerves to people who have none.

~Ellen Glasgow

it is wiser to be conventionally immoral than unconventionally moral. It isn't the immorality they object to, but the originality.

~Ellen Glasgow

I ain't never seen no head so level that it could bear the lettin' in of politics.

~Ellen Glasgow

For me, the novel is experience illumined by imagination.

~Ellen Glasgow

Theories have nothing to do with life.

~Ellen Glasgow

Insolent youth rides, now, in the whirlwind. For those modern iconoclasts who are without culture possess, apparently, all the courage.

~Ellen Glasgow

That was the worst of being poor, you couldn't give the right things in sickness.

~Ellen Glasgow

I would write of the universal, not the provincial, in human nature.... I would write of characters, not of characteristics.

~Ellen Glasgow

It is only in the heart that anything really happens.

~Ellen Glasgow

women love with their imagination and men with their senses.

~Ellen Glasgow

There is a terrible loneliness in the spring.

~Ellen Glasgow

So long as one is able to pose one has still much to learn about suffering.

~Ellen Glasgow

No one in the modern world is more lonely than the writer with a literary conscience.

~Ellen Glasgow

Grandpa says we've got everything to make us happy but happiness.

~Ellen Glasgow

What depresses me is the inevitable way the second rate forges ahead and the deserving is left behind.

~Ellen Glasgow

The transcendental point of view, the habit of thought bred by communion with earth and sky, had refined the grain while it had roughened the husk.

~Ellen Glasgow

It is easy to convince a man who already thinks as you do.

~Ellen Glasgow

My first reading of Tolstoy affected me as a revelation from heaven, as the trumpet of the judgment. What he made me feel was not the desire to imitate, but the conviction that imitation was futile.

~Ellen Glasgow

Given two tempers and the time, the ordinary marriage produces anarchy.

~Ellen Glasgow

No life is so hard that you can't make it easier by the way you take it for example by seeing it how it could be worse and then being grateful it isn't.

~Ellen Glasgow

Most women want their youth back again; but I wouldn't have mine back at any price. The worst years of my life are behind me, and my best ones ahead.

~Ellen Glasgow

to be honest and yet popular is almost as difficult in literature as it is in life.

~Ellen Glasgow

Of one thing alone I am very sure: it is a law of our nature that the memory of longing should survive the more fugitive memory of fulfillment.

~Ellen Glasgow

... to be "literary" appeared to my deluded innocence as an unending romance.

~Ellen Glasgow

Youth is always an enemy to the old.

~Ellen Glasgow

And where was happiness if it sprung not from the soil? Where contentment if it dwelt not near to Nature?

~Ellen Glasgow

I waited and worked, and watched the inferior exalted for nearly thirty years; and when recognition came at last, it was too late to alter events, or to make a difference in living.

~Ellen Glasgow

Pessimism is the affectation of youth, the reality of age.

~Ellen Glasgow

There is no monster more destructive than the inventive mind that has outstripped philosophy.

~Ellen Glasgow

I don't like human nature, but I do like human beings.

~Ellen Glasgow

The truth is I've got the land on my back, an' it's drivin' me. Land is a hard driver.

~Ellen Glasgow

I never saw the man yet that came out of politics as clean as he went into 'em.

~Ellen Glasgow

I liked human beings, but I did not love human nature.

~Ellen Glasgow

To drink for pleasure may be a distraction, but to drink from misery is always a danger.

~Ellen Glasgow

Nobody, not even the old, not even the despairing, wished to come to an end in time or in eternity.

~Ellen Glasgow

Experience has taught me that the only cruelties people condemn are those with which they do not happen to be familiar.

~Ellen Glasgow

Like all born politicians, their eye was for the main chance rather than

for the argument, and they found it easier to forswear a conviction than to forego a comfort.

~Ellen Glasgow

Spring was running in a thin green flame over the valley.

~Ellen Glasgow

The nearer she came to death, the more, by some perversity of nature, did she enjoy living.

~Ellen Glasgow

She must face her grief where the struggle is always hardest-in the place where each trivial object is attended by pleasant memories.

~Ellen Glasgow

What a man marries for's hard to tell ... an' what a woman marries for's past findin' out.

~Ellen Glasgow

a successful politician does not have convictions; he has emotions.

~Ellen Glasgow

marriage is mostly puttin' up with things, I reckon, when it ain't makin' believe.

~Ellen Glasgow

I had no place in any coterie, or in any reciprocal self-advertising. I stood alone. I stood outside. I wanted only to learn. I wanted only to write better.

~Ellen Glasgow

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