

Erma Bombeck

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Did you ever notice that the first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone?

~Erma Bombeck

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.

~Erma Bombeck

In two decades I've lost a total of 789 pounds. I should be hanging from a charm bracelet.

~Erma Bombeck

Someone once threw me a small, brown, hairy kiwi fruit, and I threw a wastebasket over it until it was dead.

~Erma Bombeck

I come from a family where gravy is considered a beverage.

~Erma Bombeck

When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out.

~Erma Bombeck

No one ever died from sleeping in an unmade bed.

~Erma Bombeck

Never go to your high school reunion pregnant or they will think that is all you have done since you graduated.

~Erma Bombeck

Thanks to my mother, not a single cardboard box has found its way back into society. We receive gifts in boxes from stores that went out of business twenty years ago.

~Erma Bombeck

Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

~Erma Bombeck

If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead.

~Erma Bombeck

Cats invented self-esteem.

~Erma Bombeck

My second favorite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk bed until I faint.

~Erma Bombeck

Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the 'Titanic' who waved off the dessert cart.

~Erma Bombeck

I haven't trusted polls since I read that 62% of women had affairs during their lunch hour. I've never met a woman in my life who would give up lunch for sex.

~Erma Bombeck

It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly turns to compassion and understanding.

~Erma Bombeck

If you can't make it better, you can laugh at it.

~Erma Bombeck

Getting out of the hospital is a lot like resigning from a book club. You're not out of it until the computer says you're out of it.

~Erma Bombeck

It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else.

~Erma Bombeck

My theory on housework is, if the item doesn't multiply, smell, catch fire, or block the refrigerator door, let it be. No one else cares. Why should you?

~Erma Bombeck

The odds of going to the store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are three billion to one.

~Erma Bombeck

I do not participate in any sport with ambulances at the bottom of the hill.

~Erma Bombeck

I take a very practical view of raising children. I put a sign in each of their rooms: 'Checkout Time is 18 years.'

~Erma Bombeck

When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.

~Erma Bombeck

I am not a glutton - I am an explorer of food

~Erma Bombeck

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

~Erma Bombeck

Never have more children than you have car windows.

~Erma Bombeck

What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets. I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?

~Erma Bombeck

As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her.

~Erma Bombeck

Being a child at home alone in the summer is a high-risk occupation. If you call your mother at work thirteen times an hour, she can hurt you.

~Erma Bombeck

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

~Erma Bombeck

Housework is a treadmill from futility to oblivion with stop-offs at tedium and counter productivity.

~Erma Bombeck

It seemed rather incongruous that in a society of super sophisticated communication, we often suffer from a shortage of listeners.

~Erma Bombeck

Don't confuse fame with success. Madonna is one; Helen Keller is the other.

~Erma Bombeck

I've exercised with women so thin that buzzards followed them to their cars.

~Erma Bombeck

All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them.

~Erma Bombeck

Cleanliness is not next to godliness. It isn't even in the same neighborhood. No one has ever gotten a religious experience out of removing burned-on cheese from the grill of the toaster oven.

~Erma Bombeck

Once you get a spice in your home, you have it forever. Women never throw out spices. The Egyptians were buried with their spices. I know which one I'm taking with me when I go.

~Erma Bombeck

He who laughs.....lasts.

~Erma Bombeck

There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.

~Erma Bombeck

Youngsters of the age of two and three are endowed with extraordinary strength. They can lift a dog twice their own weight and dump him into the bathtub.

~Erma Bombeck

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night.

~Erma Bombeck

Who in their infinite wisdom decreed that Little League uniforms be white? Certainly not a mother.

~Erma Bombeck

A grandparent will help you with your buttons, your zippers, and your shoelaces and not be in any hurry for you to grow up.

~Erma Bombeck

Guilt: the gift that keeps on giving.

~Erma Bombeck

There is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humor and hurt.

~Erma Bombeck

Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.

~Erma Bombeck

A grandparent is the only baby-sitter who doesn't charge more after midnight - or anything before midnight.

~Erma Bombeck

One thing they never tell you about child raising is that for the rest of your life, at the drop of a hat, you are expected to know your child's name and how old he or she is.

~Erma Bombeck

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween.

~Erma Bombeck

I will buy any creme, cosmetic, or elixir from a woman with a European accent.

~Erma Bombeck

Onion rings in the car cushions do not improve with time.

~Erma Bombeck

In general my children refuse to eat anything that hasn't danced in television.

~Erma Bombeck

Before you try to keep up with the Joneses, be sure they're not trying to keep up with you.

~Erma Bombeck

When the going gets tough, the tough make cookies.

~Erma Bombeck

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.

~Erma Bombeck

My kids always perceived the bathroom as a place where you wait it out until all the groceries are unloaded from the car.

~Erma Bombeck

Dreams have only one owner at a time. That's why dreamers are lonely.

~Erma Bombeck

Children make your life important.

~Erma Bombeck

Have you any idea how many children it takes to turn off one light in the kitchen Three. It takes one to say What light and two more to say I didn't turn it on.

~Erma Bombeck

Some say our national pastime is baseball. Not me. It's gossip.

~Erma Bombeck

There's something wrong with a mother who washes out a measuring cup with soap and water after she's only measured water in it.

~Erma Bombeck

Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what you're looking for, go live with a car battery.

~Erma Bombeck

Women are never what they seem to be. There is the woman you see and there is the woman who is hidden. Buy the gift for the woman who is hidden.

~Erma Bombeck

Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth.

~Erma Bombeck

Shopping is a woman thing. It's a contact sport like football. Women enjoy the scrimmage, the noisy crowds, the danger of being trampled to death, and the ecstasy of the purchase.

~Erma Bombeck

Kids need love the most when they're acting most unlovable.

~Erma Bombeck

the ultimate in longevity is the Christmas fruitcake. It is a cake made during the holidays with fruits that make it heavier than the stove it is cooked in.

~Erma Bombeck

Cleaning the house while the children are home is like shoveling while it's still snowing.

~Erma Bombeck

Success is outliving your failures

~Erma Bombeck

If God had meant us to walk around naked, he would never have invented the wicker chair.

~Erma Bombeck

The grass is always greener over the septic tank.

~Erma Bombeck

What does it profit a 78-year-old woman to sit around the pool in a bikini if she cannot feed herself?

~Erma Bombeck

I never leaf through a copy of National Geographic without realizing how lucky we are to live in a society where it is traditional to wear clothes.

~Erma Bombeck

If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?

~Erma Bombeck

I just clipped 2 articles from a current magazine. One is a diet guaranteed to drop 5 pounds off my body in a weekend. The other is a recipe for a 6 minute pecan pie.

~Erma Bombeck

It takes an uncommon amount of guts to put your dreams on the line.

~Erma Bombeck

Housework can kill you if done right.

~Erma Bombeck

Humor is a spontaneous, wonderful bit of an outburst that just comes. It's unbridled, it's unplanned, it's full of surprises.

~Erma Bombeck

When humor go's, there go's civilization.

~Erma Bombeck

It is my theory you can't get rid of fat. All you can do is move it around, like furniture.

~Erma Bombeck

Cats invented self-esteem; there is not an insecure bone in their body.

~Erma Bombeck

How come anything you buy will go on sale next week?

~Erma Bombeck

The hippopotamus is a vegetarian and looks like a wall. Lions who eat only red meat are sleek and slim. Are nutritionists on the wrong track?

~Erma Bombeck

A friend doesn't go on a diet because you are fat.

~Erma Bombeck

The fact that Americans drag around the world by the busloads to glimpse the past probably has something to do with the youth of our country. We revere anything older than George Burns.

~Erma Bombeck

. . . but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute - look at it and really see it - live it - and never give it back.

~Erma Bombeck

Like religion, politics, and family planning, cereal is not a topic to be brought up in public. It's too controversial.

~Erma Bombeck

One never realizes how different a husband and wife can be until they begin to pack for a trip.

~Erma Bombeck

People shop for a bathing suit with more care than they do a husband or wife. The rules are the same. Look for something you'll feel comfortable wearing. Allow for room to grow.

~Erma Bombeck

A friend will tell you she saw your old boyfriend - and he's a priest.

~Erma Bombeck

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

~Erma Bombeck

I don't know why no one ever thought to paste a label on the toilet-tissue spindle giving 1-2-3 directions for replacing the tissue on it. Then everyone in the house would know what Mama knows.

~Erma Bombeck

There was a time when the respect and trust my children had for me would have made you sick to your stomach. They believed I could blow on a red traffic light and turn it green.

~Erma Bombeck

On vacations: We hit the sunny beaches where we occupy ourselves keeping the sun off our skin, the saltwater off our bodies, and the sand out of our belongings.

~Erma Bombeck

Humorists can never start to take themselves seriously. It's literary suicide.

~Erma Bombeck

Giving birth is little more than a set of muscular contractions granting passage of a child. Then the mother is born.

~Erma Bombeck

I worry about scientists discovering that lettuce has been fattening all along.

~Erma Bombeck

Laughter rises out of tragedy when you need it the most, and rewards you for your courage.

~Erma Bombeck

I lost everything in the post-natal depression.

~Erma Bombeck

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