

Fay Weldon Quotes

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If you do nothing unexpected, nothing unexpected happens.

~Fay Weldon

Nothing happens, and nothing happens, and then everything happens.

~Fay Weldon

Only one thing registers on the subconscious mind: repetitive application - practice. What you practice is what you manifest.

~Fay Weldon

I didn't even know I was a feminist until I read it on the back of one of my own books.

~Fay Weldon

Marriage is a very difficult relationship for nearly everyone and I'm sure you shouldn't do it if you want a quiet little easy life.

~Fay Weldon

The desire for self-expression afflicts people when they feel there is something of themselves which is not getting through to the outside world.

~Fay Weldon

Fiction stretches our sensibilities and our understanding, as mere information never can.

~Fay Weldon

Never defend yourself; agree with your critics, it takes the wind out of their sails.

~Fay Weldon

guilt to motherhood is like grapes to wine

~Fay Weldon

Beauty is the first present nature gives to women and the first it takes away.

~Fay Weldon

One sort of believes in recycling. But one believes in it as a kind of palliative to the gods.

~Fay Weldon

She could see that to lose a sibling was hard: it could only seem unnatural: out of time, out of order, a vicious re-run of your own departure into nothingness.

~Fay Weldon

Every time you open your wardrobe, you look at your clothes and you wonder what you are going to wear. What you are really saying is 'Who am I going to be today?'

~Fay Weldon

I am an ordinary person, but carried to extremes.

~Fay Weldon

Widows tend either to fade away when husbands die, committing emotional suttee, or else find that a new life burgeons. Here in Christchurch, a lot of burgeoning goes on.

~Fay Weldon

Sound waves do not die out. They travel forever and forever. All our sentences are immortal. Our useless bleatings circle the universe for all eternity.

~Fay Weldon

Instinct' usually just means our conditioning to believe this or believe that, without thinking to investigate.

~Fay Weldon

Ask any woman in an arranged marriage. Love is the least stressful way out.

~Fay Weldon

We shelter children for a time; we live side by side with men; and that is all. We owe them nothing, and are owed nothing. I think we owe our friends more, especially our female friends.

~Fay Weldon

One must be careful with words. Words turn probabilities into facts and by sheer force of definition translate tendencies into habits.

~Fay Weldon

How has anyone ever understood anyone, except through love, which is wordless?

~Fay Weldon

Ambition will, and should, always outstrip achievement.

~Fay Weldon

One can learn, at least. One can go on learning until the day one is cut off.

~Fay Weldon

No one seemed able to look at themselves, coolly, from the outside. Their reality was all that could be seen in the light cast ahead by their own wishful thinking.

~Fay Weldon

Of course you have to believe in destiny; that everything is sheer chance is an intolerable notion.

~Fay Weldon

Style is what's there when you look at someone's writing and you know

that they wrote it and nobody else did.

~Fay Weldon

Writing is an act of generosity toward other people.

~Fay Weldon

A 'weakness,' I now realize, is nothing but a strength not properly developed.

~Fay Weldon

Fiction, on the whole, and if it is any good, tends to be a subversive element in society.

~Fay Weldon

If infinity is as they describe it, all things are not just possible but in the end certain.

~Fay Weldon

Writers are always a great nuisance to publishers. If they could do without them, they would.

~Fay Weldon

by and large, nothing is as bad as you fear, or as good as you hope.

~Fay Weldon

There was no such thing as defeat if you didn't accept it.

~Fay Weldon

Poverty is a stubborn thing: you seldom escape it with one bound.

~Fay Weldon

one learns best, and writes best, in a state of defiance.

~Fay Weldon

What makes women happy? Nothing, for more than ten minutes at a time, so stop worrying.

~Fay Weldon

Men are irrelevant. Women are happy or unhappy, fulfilled or unfulfilled, and it has nothing to do with men.

~Fay Weldon

As it has turned out, the whole relationship between men, women and children has tilted, to the disadvantage of women.

~Fay Weldon

Food is the supremest of pleasures.

~Fay Weldon

I wonder if my shrink (sorry, psychiatrist) was a woman not a man I'd be in a better or worse state?

~Fay Weldon

Prudence says one thing, desire says another, and I'd rather go with desire any time.

~Fay Weldon

Take me! Well, not quite take me, love me now, take me eventually

~Fay Weldon

Nowadays most people wear black most of the time anyway: go to a literary party and one would imagine everyone there was in perpetual mourning for their lives.

~Fay Weldon

I know that I'm a real writer because sometimes I write a story just because I want to; not because someone's told me to.

~Fay Weldon

My experience of men in cars has always been that if you don't want them to do something, they will. It is when they are behind a wheel that they most fear the control of women and children.

~Fay Weldon

Much sheer effort goes into avoiding the truth; left to itself, it sweeps in like the tide.

~Fay Weldon

Man seems not so much wicked as frail, unable to face pain, trouble and growing old. A good woman knows that nature is her enemy. Look at what it does to her.

~Fay Weldon

If you wake up in the morning with a great sense of the things that have to be done in the day in order to get through to the next day, you lose the sense of the day as any kind of end in itself.

~Fay Weldon

If you put a woman in a man's position, she will be more efficient, but no more kind.

~Fay Weldon

Confidence is something one acquires. It can come early or late but it is impossible to write without it. Mine came late.

~Fay Weldon

People fail you, children disappoint you, thieves break in, moths corrupt, but an Order of the British Empire goes on for ever.

~Fay Weldon

You will find that women who are pregnant often don't want to be and women who aren't desperately envy those who are. Labour wards are always full of very punitive people.

~Fay Weldon

There is probably an innate masochism in a lot of women that ends up disappointed if men don't ill-treat them.

~Fay Weldon

memory is so selective; wishful thinking presses it into service all the time.

~Fay Weldon

one tends to suspect others of what one is guilty of oneself. The unfaithful wife is quick to suspect the husband of infidelity.

~Fay Weldon

Pride is what you can afford or think you can afford.

~Fay Weldon

I am not cynical. I am just old. I know what is going to happen next.

~Fay Weldon

The prophets of doom, in my experience, are generally ignored and usually right.

~Fay Weldon

So much for the fruits of love. Love? What's love? Sex, ah, that's another thing. Love has babies: sex has abortions.

~Fay Weldon

People hear what they want and expect to hear, not what is said.

~Fay Weldon

Because one cause is bad does not make the opposing cause good.

~Fay Weldon

Be bold, but not too bold. Have courage, but not too much.

~Fay Weldon

There is no real escape from autobiography into biography. The self has to be faced, or we die.

~Fay Weldon

Marriage is what happens when one at least of the partners doesn't want the other to get away.

~Fay Weldon

The peculiar need to write is increased, it seems, rather than allayed with practice.

~Fay Weldon

Novelists... fashioning nets to sustain and support the reader as he falls helplessly through the chaos of his own existence.

~Fay Weldon

I like sex. I've had feedback but men will feed you back anything, won't they?

~Fay Weldon

Writers were never meant to be professionals. Writing is not a profession, it is an activity, an essentially amateur occupation. It is what you do when you are not living.

~Fay Weldon

Words are not simple things: they take unto themselves, as they have through time, power and meaning.

~Fay Weldon

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