

Florence King Quotes

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A home without a grandmother is like an egg without salt.

~Florence King

If you ever meet someone who cannot understand why solitary confinement is considered punishment, you have met a misanthrope.

~Florence King

I simply like guns because you can't shoot people without them.

~Florence King

I wasn't used to children and they were getting on my nerves. Worse, it appeared that I was a child, too. I hadn't known that before; I thought I was just short.

~Florence King

Writers who have nothing to say always strain for metaphors to say it in.

~Florence King

If we define a misanthrope as 'someone who does not suffer fools and likes to see fools suffer,' we have described a person with something to look forward to.

~Florence King

The more immoral we become in big ways, the more puritanical we become in little ways.

~Florence King

People are so busy dreaming the American Dream, fantasizing about what they could be or have a right to be, that they're all asleep at the switch. Consequently we are living in the Age of Human Error.

~Florence King

God may have loved the common people, but a trip to any shopping

mall suggests that He made far too many of them.

~Florence King

No matter which sex I went to bed with, I never smoked on the street

~Florence King

Democracy is the fig leaf of elitism.

~Florence King

Golf is an exercise in Scottish pointlessness for people who are no longer able to throw telephone poles at each other.

~Florence King

True nostalgia is an ephemeral composition of disjointed memories.

~Florence King

I have a professional acquaintance whose recent eyelid job has left her with a permanent expression of such poleaxed astonishment that she looks at all times as if she had just read one of my books.

~Florence King

Agoraphobia was my quirky armor against a gregarious America.

~Florence King

American couples have gone to such lengths to avoid the interference of in-laws that they have to pay marriage counselors to interfere between them.

~Florence King

Of all the old maid's blessing, the greatest is carte blanche. Spinsterhood is powerful; once a woman is called "that crazy old maid" she can get away with anything.

~Florence King

The witty woman is a tragic figure in American life. Wit destroys eroticism and eroticism destroys wit, so women must choose between taking lovers and taking no prisoners.

~Florence King

Insecurity breeds treachery: if you are kind to people who hate themselves, they will hate you as well.

~Florence King

I'm for prayer in the schools because ritual and ceremony are calming and civilizing, and the little fartlings should be tamped down whenever possible.

~Florence King

Kings and queens might do wicked things, but they don't nag. One thing I like about Bloody Mary: she never said a word about lung cancer.

~Florence King

Animal rights activists gives disillusioned feminists an excuse to go back to being women protecting wee creatures without compromising their radical credentials

~Florence King

If whisky or salt won't cure it, then to hell with it. I worry about important things.

~Florence King

Why do I hate people? Who else is there to hate?

~Florence King

Southerners have a genius for psychological alchemy...If something intolerable simply cannot be changed, driven away or shot they will not only tolerate it but take pride in it as well.

~Florence King

During the feminist seventies men were caught between a rock and a hard-on; in the fathering eighties they are caught between good hugs and bad hugs.

~Florence King

There's no national glue holding us together because somebody put too much pluribus in the unum.

~Florence King

Americans worship creativity the way they worship physical beauty - as a way of enjoying elitism without guilt: God did it.

~Florence King

It's the Government's job to print the money, deliver the mail and declare war. Now give me my cigarettes.

~Florence King

In social matters, pointless conventions are not merely the bee sting of etiquette, but the snake bite of moral order.

~Florence King

Real feminism is spinsterhood.

~Florence King

Showing up at school already able to read is like showing up at the undertaker's already embalmed: people start worrying about being put out of their jobs.

~Florence King

Time has lost all meaning in that nightmare alley of the Western world known as the American mind.

~Florence King

I do believe in reincarnation, but I do not believe there is life before noon.

~Florence King

Southerners are so devoted to genealogy that we see a family tree under every bush.

~Florence King

The copyeditor I drew was a brachycephalic, web-footed cretin who should have been in an institution learning how to make brooms.

~Florence King

There is more sexism in a year's worth of movies than actually exists in a woman's entire lifetime.

~Florence King

Judge not, lest ye be judged judgmental.

~Florence King

He travels fastest who travels alone, and that goes double for she. Real feminism is spinsterhood.

~Florence King

Familiarity doesn't breed contempt, it is contempt.

~Florence King

We worship education but hate learning. We worship success but hate the successful. We worship fame but hate the famous.

~Florence King

Gradually my whole concept of time changed until I thought of a month as having twenty-five days of humanness and five others when I might just as well have been an animal in a steel trap.

~Florence King

I don't mind being regarded as perverted and unnatural, but I would die if people thought I was a Democrat.

~Florence King

Families composed of rugged individualists have to do things obliquely.

~Florence King

I've always said that next to Imperial China, the South is the best place in the world to be an old lady.

~Florence King

Chinks in America's egalitarian armor are not hard to find. Democracy is the fig leaf of elitism.

~Florence King

Let's bring back grandmothers! A real family consists of three generations. It's time Americans stopped worrying about interference and being a burden on the children and regrouped under one roof.

~Florence King

because the theater lost a Barrymore every time a Southerner decided not to go on the stage, just about anything that comes out of a Southern mouth is bound to be a ringing line.

~Florence King

Spinsterhood is Nature's Own Feminism.

~Florence King

It takes only one child to raze a village.

~Florence King

The nice thing about Southerners is the way we enjoy our neuroses.

~Florence King

Oppressed people are treacherous for the simple reason that treachery is both a means of survival and a way to curry favor with one's oppressor.

~Florence King

Nothing is more likely to start me screaming like a madwoman than New York in February with its piles of blackened snow full of yellow holes drilled by dogs.

~Florence King

America is the only country in the world where you can suffer culture shock without leaving home.

~Florence King

Updike's style is an exquisite blend of Melville and Austen: reading him is like cutting through whale blubber with embroidery scissors.

~Florence King

Episcopalians have always preferred the flying buttress to the pillar of the church.

~Florence King

Owning your own home is America's unique recipe for avoiding revolution and promoting pseudo-equality at the same time.

~Florence King

Randian heroes come off as metaphors for Jews because they are beset by irrational forces that try to bar them from the professions and use their virtues against them to bring about their destruction.

~Florence King

We worship education but hate learning.

~Florence King

There's something unrefined about a reading woman, they always reek of the lamp. How can she grow up to be a lady if she's always got her nose in a book? Granny Rudin

~Florence King

The Apologizer Bunny keeps going and going and going.

~Florence King

Real feminism is spinsterhood. It's time America admitted that old maids give all women a good name.

~Florence King

The proliferation of support groups suggests to me that too many Americans are growing up in homes that do not contain a grandmother.

~Florence King

Familiarity breeds democracy.

~Florence King

In Mississippi the important thing is hooch, not bar equipment.

~Florence King

Wit goes for the jugular, not the jocular, and it's the opposite of football; instead of building character, it tears it down.

~Florence King

Keep dating and you will become so sick, so badly crippled, so deformed, so emotionally warped and mentally defective that you will marry anybody.

~Florence King

For men who want to flee Family Man America and never come back, there is a guaranteed solution: homosexuality is the new French Foreign Legion.

~Florence King

Americans are so emotionally fragile that soon we will have to be carried around in plastic bubbles and fed with an eye-dropper.

~Florence King

Resistance to team play seemed to pour like wet cement through my bones, displacing supple marrow, until I was ballasted with my own contempt.

~Florence King

The joker in the deck of lesbian fidelity is female vanity: no woman of fifty is going to undress in front of a woman of twenty no matter how much she might lust for her.

~Florence King

I don't suffer fools, and I like to see fools suffer.

~Florence King

Never look on the bright side. The glare is blinding.

~Florence King

to a Southerner it is faux pas, not sins, that matter in this world.

~Florence King

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