

Francoise Sagan Quotes

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Reality, Happiness, Desire, Eye, Character, Pleasure, Regret, Would Be, Two,
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Jazz music is an intensified feeling of nonchalance.

~Francoise Sagan

It seems to me that there are two kinds of trickery: the "fronts" people assume before one another's eyes, and the "front" a writer puts on the face of reality.

~Francoise Sagan

To jealousy, nothing is more frightful than laughter.

~Francoise Sagan

There is a certain age when a woman must be beautiful to be loved, and then there comes a time when she must be loved to be beautiful.

~Francoise Sagan

Money may not buy happiness, but I'd rather cry in a Jaguar than on a bus.

~Francoise Sagan

I have loved to the point of madness; That which is called madness,
That which to me, Is the only sensible way to love.

~Francoise Sagan

A dress makes no sense unless it inspires men to take it off of you.

~Francoise Sagan

I like men to behave like men. I like them strong and childish.

~Francoise Sagan

One can never speak enough of the virtues, the dangers, the power of shared laughter.

~Francoise Sagan

Art must take reality by surprise.

~Francoise Sagan

Love lasts about seven years. That's how long it takes for the cells of the body to totally replace themselves.

~Francoise Sagan

For what are we looking for if not to please? I do not know if the desire to attract others comes from a superabundance of vitality, possessiveness, or the hidden, unspoken need to be reassured.

~Francoise Sagan

I always believe things are going to work out.

~Francoise Sagan

People respect unhappiness and find it especially hard to forgive success.

~Francoise Sagan

Love is worth whatever it costs.

~Francoise Sagan

Curiosity is the beginning of all wisdom.

~Francoise Sagan

If you treat life well, life is usually good to you. And I love life. There's a long-standing affair between us.

~Francoise Sagan

I think the best way to waste time is to try to save time.

~Francoise Sagan

For this was the round of love: fear which leads on desire, tenderness and fury, and that brutal anguish which triumphantly follows pleasure.

~Francoise Sagan

Writing is just having a sheet of paper, a pen and not a shadow of an idea of what you are going to say.

~Francoise Sagan

There is no such thing as an ideal man. The ideal man is the man you love at the moment.

~Francoise Sagan

I recognize limitations in the sense that I've read Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky and Shakespeare . . . Aside from that I don't think of limiting myself.

~Francoise Sagan

For me writing is a question of finding a certain rhythm. I compare it to the rhythms of jazz.

~Francoise Sagan

Nothing brings on jealousy like laughter.

~Francoise Sagan

Whisky, gambling and Ferraris are better than housework.

~Francoise Sagan

You should celebrate the end of a love affair as they celebrate death in New Orleans, with songs, laughter, dancing and a lot of wine.

~Francoise Sagan

Unhappiness has nothing to teach, and resignation is ugly.

~Francoise Sagan

It is healthier to see the good points of others than to analyze our own bad ones.

~Francoise Sagan

I did not find him absurd. I saw he was kind, that he was on the verge of real love. I thought it would be nice for me to be in love with him, too.

~Francoise Sagan

Of course the illusion of art is to make one believe that great literature is very close to life, but exactly the opposite is true. Life is amorphous, literature is formal.

~Francoise Sagan

happiness has always seemed to me a great achievement.

~Francoise Sagan

Marriage? It's like asparagus eaten with vinaigrette or hollandaise, a matter of taste but of no importance.

~Francoise Sagan

When you make a decision to write according to a set schedule and really stick to it, you find yourself writing very fast. At least I do.

~Francoise Sagan

After Proust, there are certain things that simply cannot be done again. He marks off for you the boundaries of your talent.

~Francoise Sagan

A love affair based on jealousy is doomed from the start ... It is certainly a sign of love, but it's a sign that it's already dying.

~Francoise Sagan

The one thing I regret is that I will never have time to read all the books I want to read.

~Francoise Sagan

The questions I would have liked to ask people were: "Are you in love? What are you reading?"

~Francoise Sagan

The happiness of others is never bearable for very long.

~Francoise Sagan

We are torn between the craving to know and the despair of having known.

~Francoise Sagan

What you call types of mind are only mental ages.

~Francoise Sagan

When man, Apollo man, rockets into space, it isn't in order to find his brother, I'm quite sure of that. It's to confirm that he hasn't any brothers.

~Francoise Sagan

It amused me to think that one can tell the truth when one is drunk and nobody will believe it.

~Francoise Sagan

curiosity is the beginning of wisdom.

~Francoise Sagan

In love, as in finance, only the rich can get credit.

~Francoise Sagan

Every little girl knows about love. It is only her capacity to suffer because of it that increases.

~Francoise Sagan

Only by pursuing the extremes in one's nature, with all its contradictions, appetites, aversions, rages, can one hope to understand a little - oh, I admit only a very little - of what life is about.

~Francoise Sagan

I found myself both touched and irritated by the discovery that she was vulnerable.

~Francoise Sagan

I feel sorry for men. They have more problems than women, because they now have to compete with women.

~Francoise Sagan

At night, time becomes a calm sea. It goes on for ever.

~Francoise Sagan

Illness is the opposite of freedom. It makes everything impossible.

~Francoise Sagan

The rich have a passion for bargains as lively as it is pointless.

~Francoise Sagan

pity is an agreeable sentiment, uplifting like military music.

~Francoise Sagan

Life has confirmed for me the thoughts and impressions I had when I was 18, as if it was all intuition.

~Francoise Sagan

I had a strong desire to write and some free time.

~Francoise Sagan

I've read Proust and Stendhal. That keeps you in your place.

~Francoise Sagan

No one is more conventional than a woman who is falling out of love.

~Francoise Sagan

It isn't common sense that is paramount in this world, it's wishful thinking.

~Francoise Sagan

No one ever has time to examine himself honestly, and most people look no further than their neighbors' eyes, in which they may see their own reflection.

~Francoise Sagan

No one talks about money more than people who have too much of it.

~Francoise Sagan

Houses are for private living, for friends, and for dogs.

~Francoise Sagan

I dreamt of being a writer once I started to read. I started to write 'Bonjour Tristesse' in bistros around the Sorbonne. I finished it, I sent it to editors. It was accepted.

~Francoise Sagan

Every time I see a film about Joan of Arc I'm convinced she'll get away with it. It's the only way to get through life.

~Francoise Sagan

I shall live badly if I do not write, and I shall write badly if I do not live.

~Francoise Sagan

Looking for pleasure is the best way to ensure you won't find it.

~Francoise Sagan

All my life, I will continue obstinately to write about love, solitude and passion among the kind of people I know. The rest don't interest me.

~Francoise Sagan

No one, but no one, ever behaves 'well' in bed unless they love or are loved - two conditions seldom fulfilled.

~Francoise Sagan

The happiness of people who are in love and who are loved shows in their faces. They have an expression that's at once very far away and very much part of the present.

~Francoise Sagan

There are moments when you feel trapped, ill at ease. A year later the same feeling can turn out to be the theme of a book.

~Francoise Sagan

My love of pleasure seems to be the only consistent side of my character. Is it because I have not read enough?

~Francoise Sagan

If you don't have imagination you're lost. But it's a virtue that's becoming increasingly rare, especially in its higher form: spontaneity. Mad, happy spontaneity.

~Francoise Sagan

It would be bad form for me to describe people I don't know and don't understand.

~Francoise Sagan

He lifted me up and held me close against him, my head on his shoulder. At that moment I loved him. In the morning light he was as golden, as soft, as gentle as myself, and he would protect me.

~Francoise Sagan

I've tried very hard and I've never found any resemblance between the people I know and the people in my novels.

~Francoise Sagan

One partner is always more in love than the other.

~Francoise Sagan

Passion is the salt of life, and that at the times when we are under its spell this salt is indispensable to us, even if we have got along very well without it before.

~Francoise Sagan

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