

# Frank Moore Colby

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Persecution was at least a sign of personal interest. Tolerance is composed of nine parts of apathy to one of brotherly love.

~Frank Moore Colby

Cast your cares on God; that anchor holds.

~Frank Moore Colby

Clever people seem not to feel the natural pleasure of bewilderment, and are always answering questions when the chief relish of a life is to go on asking them.

~Frank Moore Colby

By rights, satire is a lonely and introspective occupation, for nobody can describe a fool to the life without much patient self-inspection.

~Frank Moore Colby

I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top.

~Frank Moore Colby

Sin in this country has been always said to be rather calculating than impulsive.

~Frank Moore Colby

Every improvement in communication makes the bore more terrible.

~Frank Moore Colby

I know of no more disagreeable sensation than to be left feeling generally angry without anybody in particular to be angry at.

~Frank Moore Colby

One learns little more about a man from the feats of his literary memory than from the feats of his alimentary canal.

~Frank Moore Colby

That is the consolation of a little mind; you have the fun of changing it without impeding the progress of mankind.

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Politics is a place of humble hopes and strangely modest requirements, where all are good who are not criminal and all are wise who are not ridiculously otherwise.

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Many people lose their tempers merely from seeing you keep yours.

~Frank Moore Colby

Men will confess to treason, murder, arson, false teeth, or a wig. How many of them will own up to a lack of humor?

~Frank Moore Colby

We do not mind our not arriving anywhere nearly so much as our not having any company on the way.

~Frank Moore Colby

We always carry out by committee anything in which any one of us alone would be too reasonable to persist.

~Frank Moore Colby

If a large city can, after intense intellectual efforts, choose for its mayor a man who merely will not steal from it, we consider it a triumph of the suffrage.

~Frank Moore Colby

Talk ought always to run obliquely, not nose to nose with no chance of mental escape.

~Frank Moore Colby

The New York playgoer is a child of nature, and he has an honest and wholesome regard of whatever is atrocious in art.

~Frank Moore Colby

You cannot find, make or understand true friendship without having enemies.

~Frank Moore Colby

As wounded men may limp through life, so our war minds may not regain the balance of their thoughts for decades.

~Frank Moore Colby

Fill an author with a titanic fame and you do not make him titanic; you often merely burst him.

~Frank Moore Colby

When temptations march monotonously in regiments, one waits for to pass.

~Frank Moore Colby

In middle life politics are not a mental acquisition; they are a temperament.

~Frank Moore Colby

Women singly do a good deal of harm. Women in bulk are chastening.

~Frank Moore Colby

As crowds increase we build our forts of inattention, and the more we talk the easier it is to mean little and listen not at all.

~Frank Moore Colby

The world is a play that would not be worth seeing if we knew the plot.

~Frank Moore Colby

Literary people are forever judging the quality of the mind by the turn of expression.

~Frank Moore Colby

Distaste sounds more emphatic when expressed as moral disapproval. With most of us the moral counterblast is nothing more than the angry rendering of a yawn.

~Frank Moore Colby

There ought to be some sign in a book about man, that the writer knows thoroughly one man at least.

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