

Gillian Flynn

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I have a meanness inside me, real as an organ. Slit me at my belly and it might slide out, meaty and dark, drop on the floor so you could stomp on it.

~Gillian Flynn

Friends see most of each other's flaws. Spouses see every awful last bit.

~Gillian Flynn

Dark sides are important. They should be nurtured like nasty black orchids.

~Gillian Flynn

The face you give the world tells the world how to treat you.

~Gillian Flynn

I was not a lovable child, and I'd grown into a deeply unlovable adult. Draw a picture of my soul, and it'd be a scribble with fangs.

~Gillian Flynn

Love makes you want to be a better man. But maybe love, real love, also gives you permission to just be the man you are.

~Gillian Flynn

My mother had always told her kids: if you're about to do something, and you want to know if it's a bad idea, imagine seeing it printed in the paper for all the world to see.

~Gillian Flynn

They always call depression the blues, but I would have been happy to waken to a periwinkle outlook. Depression to me is urine yellow, washed out, exhausted miles of weak piss.

~Gillian Flynn

Sleep is like a cat: It only comes to you if you ignore it.

~Gillian Flynn

Ironic people always dissolve when confronted with earnestness, it's their kryptonite

~Gillian Flynn

There's something disturbing about recalling a warm memory and feeling utterly cold.

~Gillian Flynn

I feel like I need to give people a note with the book that says, 'I'm OK, no worries!'

~Gillian Flynn

To spend a life in dreams, that sounded too lovely.

~Gillian Flynn

There's no app for a bourbon buzz on a warm day in a cool, dark bar. The world will always want a drink.

~Gillian Flynn

I've always believed clear-eyed sobriety was for the harder hearted.

~Gillian Flynn

I can't think of anything more crushing than slowly, over time, realizing exactly how wrong you were about someone.

~Gillian Flynn

It's humbling, to become the very thing you once mocked.

~Gillian Flynn

Give me a man with a little fight in him, a man who calls me on my bullshit. (But who also kind of likes my bullshit.)

~Gillian Flynn

It was surprising that you could spend hours in the middle of the night pretending things were OK, and know in thirty seconds of daylight that that simply wasn't so.

~Gillian Flynn

There are no really new stories anymore.

~Gillian Flynn

To pretend to be calm is to be calm, in a way.

~Gillian Flynn

Don't be discouraged - every relationship you have is a failure, until you find the right one.

~Gillian Flynn

Problems always start long before you really, really see them.

~Gillian Flynn

People love talking, and I have never been a huge talker. I carry on an inner monologue, but the words often don't reach my lips.

~Gillian Flynn

I have four or five ideas that just keep floating around and I want to kind of just let one - like a beautiful butterfly, let it land somewhere.

~Gillian Flynn

A town so suffocating and small, you tripped over people you hated every day. People who knew things about you. It's the kind of place that leaves a mark.

~Gillian Flynn

People say children from broken homes have it hard, but the children of

charmed marriages have their own particular challenges.

~Gillian Flynn

What an indulgence it would be, to just blow off my head, all my mean spirits disappearing with a gun blast, like blowing a seedy dandelion apart.

~Gillian Flynn

It's a very difficult era in which to be a person, just a real, actual person, instead of a collection of personality traits selected from an endless Automat of characters.

~Gillian Flynn

There's a difference between really loving someone and loving the idea of her.

~Gillian Flynn

The worst feeling: when you just have to wait and prepare yourself for the lie.

~Gillian Flynn

Worries find you easily enough without inviting them.

~Gillian Flynn

You drink a little too much and try a little too hard. And you go home to a cold bed and think, that was fine. And your life is a long line of fine.

~Gillian Flynn

Ah, well, being conflicted means you can live a shallow life without copping to be a shallow person.

~Gillian Flynn

Everytime people said I was pretty, I thought of everything ugly swarming beneath my clothes.

~Gillian Flynn

I don't understand the point of being together if you're not the happiest.

~Gillian Flynn

I was raised feral, and I mostly stayed that way.

~Gillian Flynn

He was one of those guys who'd pronounce I'm a hugger as he came at you, neglecting to ask if the feeling was mutual.

~Gillian Flynn

My dad had limitations. That's what my good-hearted mom always told us. He had limitations, but he meant no harm. It was kind of her to say, but he did do harm.

~Gillian Flynn

Coffee goes great with sudden death.

~Gillian Flynn

Love should require both partners to be their very best at all times

~Gillian Flynn

I assumed everything bad in the world could happen, because everything bad in the world already did happen.

~Gillian Flynn

My imagination is more tweaked by imagining the lives of the people who were there before us. I don't need to give myself the willies. I'm quite good at that - I can freak myself out wherever I am.

~Gillian Flynn

I like the discipline of writing a script. You can't go into the character's head - you have to find these creative ways to help externalize what

they're thinking.

~Gillian Flynn

How do you keep safe when your whole day is as wide and empty as the sky?

~Gillian Flynn

I'm a huge fan of ghost stories, that sort of slow build, the suspense and the questioning about whether you're imagining something or if it's real.

~Gillian Flynn

Sometimes I think I won't ever feel safe until I can count my last days on one hand.

~Gillian Flynn

Nick is like a good stiff drink: He gives everything the correct perspective.

~Gillian Flynn

I'm a true-crime addict. It's not something I'm particularly proud of, but I can't stop.

~Gillian Flynn

She released her grievances like handfuls of birdseed: They are there, and they are gone.

~Gillian Flynn

I've suffered betrayal with all five senses. For over a year.

~Gillian Flynn

And if all of us are play-acting, there can be no such thing as a soul mate, because we don't have genuine souls.

~Gillian Flynn

I would have done anything to feel real again.

~Gillian Flynn

I'm all for whatever transitions the book properly to a movie.

~Gillian Flynn

I'd come to believe there was no food more depressing than Danish, a pastry that seemed stale upon arrival

~Gillian Flynn

She's easy to like. I've never understood why that's considered a compliment - that just anyone could like you.

~Gillian Flynn

Safer to be feared than loved.

~Gillian Flynn

There are a million talented writers who are unpublished only because they stop writing when it gets hard.

~Gillian Flynn

To me, marriage is the ultimate mystery.

~Gillian Flynn

I had no sympathy for drama queens.

~Gillian Flynn

To refuse has so many more consequences than submitting.

~Gillian Flynn

What a generous thing that is, I realize, for a husband to try to make his wife laugh.

~Gillian Flynn

Most beautiful, good things were done by women people scorn.

~Gillian Flynn

Sometimes if you let people do things to you, you're really doing it to them.

~Gillian Flynn

I think there is something very relatable in the idea that you hit a certain age, later in your life, where you realize you have to pick up the rug and see what's underneath it and deal with stuff.

~Gillian Flynn

I ached once, hard, like a period typed at the end of a sentence.

~Gillian Flynn

A child weaned on poison considers harm a comfort.

~Gillian Flynn

Republicans go to Sam's Club, Democrats go to Costco.

~Gillian Flynn

Tampon commercial, detergent commercial, maxi pad commercial, windex commercial - you'd think all women do is clean and bleed.

~Gillian Flynn

I've always been partial to the image of liquor as lubrication, a layer of protection from all the sharp thoughts in your head.

~Gillian Flynn

I just think some women aren't made to be mothers. And some women aren't made to be daughters.

~Gillian Flynn

The truly frightening flaw in humanity is our capacity for cruelty - we all

have it.

~Gillian Flynn

It's impossible to compete with the dead. I wished I could stop trying.

~Gillian Flynn

Because isn't that the point of every relationship: to be known by someone else, to be understood? He gets me. She gets me. Isn't that the simple magic phrase?

~Gillian Flynn

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