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Once we hit forty, women only have about four taste buds left: one for vodka, one for wine, one for cheese, and one for chocolate.

~Gina Barreca

If you know you can do it - if you can already chart every day in your future - then why bother? Choose to do something you have more trouble imagining. Take a chance.

~Gina Barreca

My longing to improve my looks via The Body Shop is being replaced by my longing to improve my looks via Photoshop.

~Gina Barreca

Birthdays are a reward for having shown up 365 days in a row. It's like getting a badge for attendance.

~Gina Barreca

How about "diamonds are a girl's best friends"? Nope. It should be switched around and pointed out, instead, that your best friends are diamonds.

~Gina Barreca

Think of the funniest story from your life. Chances are, it was something awful at the time.

~Gina Barreca

Confessions are like tattoos in that 1) You convince yourself that the immediate pain of going through the process means it won't bother you later on; 2) They are permanent.

~Gina Barreca

Envy is what makes you, when an acquaintance is lustily telling you that she's dating a Greek god of a guy, ask, 'Which one, Hades?'

~Gina Barreca

Laughing together is as close as you can get to a hug without touching. ~Gina Barreca

Truth is like nuclear waste: it needs to be dealt with carefully. Sometimes it needs to be buried way, way out of town. And sometimes it should never be uncovered at all.

~Gina Barreca

We should remind ourselves that laughing together is as close as you can get to another person without touching, and sometimes it represents a closer tie than touching ever could.

~Gina Barreca

The people I work with are like family. I don't mean this in a nice way.

~Gina Barreca

Anger is the quintessential individual-signature emotion: I am what makes me mad.

~Gina Barreca

Although fear in the right dosage and under the right circumstance protects us ... imaginary fear offers straitjackets instead of lifejackets, nooses instead of safety nets.

~Gina Barreca

I personally translated the word 'vendetta' as Italian for 'What do you mean, "you want to see other women"?

~Gina Barreca

Humor is a show of both strength and of vulnerability: you are willing to make the first move but you are trusting in the response of your listener.

~Gina Barreca

If anger were mileage, I'd be a very frequent flyer, right up there in First Class.

~Gina Barreca

Having a lean and hungry look was frowned upon in my Italian neighborhood where a girl was considered too skinny if she could make her knees touch.

~Gina Barreca

I have an intimate relationship with books. After all, I take them with me into the bathtub-not an invitation I offer lightly.

~Gina Barreca

As a kid, you await holidays with a wide-eyed, passionate, almost maniacal enthusiasm. Heavy breathing is involved.

~Gina Barreca

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