

Gish Jen Quotes

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Anything is possible. A man is what he makes up his mind to be.

~Gish Jen

Whatever I do in life, I'm almost always aware that there's another way to do it.

~Gish Jen

I like to listen. I'm much more interested in listening than in speaking, for sure.

~Gish Jen

When I think about why I would be a writer, why I should continue to be a writer, it seems to me one of the few things you can do where you're never bored.

~Gish Jen

... there is ... a big aspect of play in writing novels, and making the story more and more elaborate is just more and more fun.

~Gish Jen

I think that there is a bias in the current literary climate, which is not only very Western but very male.

~Gish Jen

A white person was by definition somebody. Other people needed, across their hearts, one steel rib.

~Gish Jen

A man was the sum of his limits; freedom only made him see how much so.

~Gish Jen

It's human to hear stories and to know how people live and to imagine how that is for them. It's very interdependent!

~Gish Jen

I hate to generalize because there are always so many exceptions to any rule.

~Gish Jen

Chinese language tends to be quick, economical. To know what people are saying, you always need to know what the context is.

~Gish Jen

That there should be a purpose to suffering, that a person should be chosen for it, special - these are houses of the mind, in which whole peoples have found shelter.

~Gish Jen

I'm trying to give people an idea of what black looks like and what white looks like before I introduce them to gray.

~Gish Jen

Many women tend toward the interdependent end of things, we tend to see ourselves in relationship to others to a far greater degree than men.

~Gish Jen

These are ideas that work for many, and that may well reflect your true understanding of life.

~Gish Jen

For students who are in the most creative group in America to somehow be presumed to be narrow is just completely meshugga.

~Gish Jen

There's nothing about interdependence that would keep somebody from making art.

~Gish Jen

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