

Helen Garner Quotes

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On Melbourne summer mornings the green trams go rolling in stately progress down tunnels thick with leaves: the bright air carries along the avenue their patient chime, the chattering of their wheels.

~Helen Garner

It's disturbing at my age to look at a young woman's destructive behaviour and hear the echoes of it, of one's own destructiveness in youth.

~Helen Garner

The rain began again. It fell heavily, easily, with no meaning or intention but the fulfilment of its own nature, which was to fall and fall.

~Helen Garner

That's one of the things I hope that the book can do, is to restore some dignity to Joe Cinque.

~Helen Garner

Writers seem to me to be people who need to retire from social life and do a lot of thinking about what's happened - almost to calm themselves.

~Helen Garner

I'm full of restlessness. Not lonely, exactly - my head is racing with ideas. But it is that old treacherous feeling that real life is happening somewhere else, and I'm left out.

~Helen Garner

I'm very disturbed by violence against women when it is violence.

~Helen Garner

But there are some wounds that can never be healed.

~Helen Garner

People demand a lot of the justice system and they demand things that it can't deliver.

~Helen Garner

I think writers are very anxious.

~Helen Garner

It's a terrific privilege to be able to see into somebody else's life.

~Helen Garner

I like poking my nose into other people's lives.

~Helen Garner

Now, I - for several years while I was researching this book, I felt quite obsessed by thoughts about sentencing, punishment, how judges arrive at their decisions.

~Helen Garner

The only thing that I was equipped for with my very mediocre college Arts degree was to get a job in teaching.

~Helen Garner

At the time it seemed like a natural development of my interest in what was going on around me in society.

~Helen Garner

But I can't bear it when somebody who some man made a pass at - to call that violence seems to me absurd and insulting to women who've really met violence, who've been raped or bashed.

~Helen Garner

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