

Helene Cixous

Quotes

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Innocent, Solitude, Heart, Cutting, Innocence, Wish, Passages, Medusa,
Together, Silence, Desire, Lost Love*

You only have to look at the Medusa straight on to see her. And she's not deadly. She's beautiful and she's laughing.

~Helene Cixous

Thinking is trying to think the unthinkable: thinking the thinkable is not worth the effort.

~Helene Cixous

Censor the body and you censor breath and speech at the same time. Write yourself. Your body must be heard.

~Helene Cixous

We must learn to speak the language women speak when there is no one there to correct us.

~Helene Cixous

Writing is the passageway, the entrance, the exit, the dwelling place of the other in me.

~Helene Cixous

We must kill the false woman who is preventing the live one from breathing.

~Helene Cixous

The only book that is worth writing is the one we don't have the courage or strength to write. The book that hurts us (we who are writing), that makes us tremble, redden, bleed

~Helene Cixous

Everything ends with flowers.

~Helene Cixous

I am not innocent. Innocence is a science of the sublime. And I am only at the very beginning of the apprenticeship.

~Helene Cixous

I do believe in poetry. I believe that there are creatures endowed with the power to put things together and bring them back to life

~Helene Cixous

Only when you are lost can love find itself in you without losing its way.

~Helene Cixous

Writing is the delicate, difficult, and dangerous means of succeeding in avowing the unavowable.

~Helene Cixous

There is no greater love than the love the wolf feels for the lamb-it-doesn't-eat.

~Helene Cixous

Me too, I make do, I anoint what cannot be fixed.

~Helene Cixous

Other-Love is writing's first name.

~Helene Cixous

Love is when you suddenly wake up as a cannibal, and not just any old cannibal, or else wake up destined for devourment.

~Helene Cixous

If my desire is possible, it means the system is already letting something else through.

~Helene Cixous

Perhaps what I do not manage to operate rapidly enough is the passage between the outside and the inside.

~Helene Cixous

It is said that life and death are under the power of language.

~Helene Cixous

Explore the idea of what the language that women speak would really be like if no one were there to correct them.

~Helene Cixous

Meditation needs no results. Meditation can have itself as an end, I meditate without words and on nothingness. What tangles my life is writing.

~Helene Cixous

in the synagogue of my heart... I myself jail and the jailed, I go wounded, bite-marked

~Helene Cixous

I am sick of death and worst of all this sickness feeds on itself, the more afraid I am the more I am afraid the more I flee the more I am afraid the more I am haunted.

~Helene Cixous

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