

Herta Muller Quotes

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What can't be said can be written. Because writing is a silent act, a labor from the head to the hand.

~Herta Muller

Suffering doesn't improve human beings, does it?

~Herta Muller

Anything in literature, including memory, is second-hand.

~Herta Muller

Women always need other women to lean on. They become friends in order to hate each other better. The more they hate each other, the more inseparable they become.

~Herta Muller

In this county, we had to walk, eat, sleep and love in fear.

~Herta Muller

To combat death you don't need much of a life, just one that isn't yet finished.

~Herta Muller

Language is so different from life. How am I supposed to fit the one into the other? How can I bring them together?

~Herta Muller

Once upon a time they had some bad luck, and they blame everything on that.

~Herta Muller

In Romanian society, I am not particularly well-liked. I don't often receive invitations.

~Herta Muller

I wanted to get out of our thimble of a town, where every stone had eyes.

~Herta Muller

If you live with death threats, you need friends. So you have to risk that they might spy on you.

~Herta Muller

I have packed myself into silence so deeply and for so long that I can never unpack myself using words. When I speak, I only pack myself a little differently.

~Herta Muller

I have always written only for myself - to clarify things, to clarify things with myself, to understand in an inner way what is actually happening.

~Herta Muller

If only the right person would have to leave, everyone else would be able to stay in the country.

~Herta Muller

Writing itself does not know what it looks like while one is doing it, only when it's finished.

~Herta Muller

When we don't speak, said Edgar, we become unbearable, and when we do, we make fools of ourselves.

~Herta Muller

Who can take a single step with his head?

~Herta Muller

Only the demented would not have raised their hands in the great hall. They had exchanged fear for insanity".

~Herta Muller

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