

Hortense Calisher Quotes

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The words! I collected them in all shapes and sizes and hung them like bangles in my mind.

~Hortense Calisher

But memory, after a time, dispenses its own emphasis, making a feuilleton of what we once thought most ponderable, laying its wreath on what we never thought to recall.

~Hortense Calisher

if you listen too hard to the technology, your ear goes deaf to its implications.

~Hortense Calisher

perhaps there's no sharper spur to meditation than answered prayer.

~Hortense Calisher

Agony without genius was gaucherie.

~Hortense Calisher

When anything gets freed, a zest goes round the world.

~Hortense Calisher

Women can't travel light. We're in charge of the basic facts.

~Hortense Calisher

I always say that one's poetry is a solace to oneself and a nuisance to one's friends.

~Hortense Calisher

I get up and I have coffee and I speak to no man and I go to my desk.

~Hortense Calisher

This is my answer to the gap between ideas and action - I will write it out.

~Hortense Calisher

I don't suppose there's really any critic except posterity.

~Hortense Calisher

In a family, the same spoken lines come in over and over. Intimacy exhausts.

~Hortense Calisher

First publication is a pure, carnal leap into that dark which one dreams is life.

~Hortense Calisher

What I have written-and how I came to write it-is most powerfully what I am.

~Hortense Calisher

A happy childhood can't be cured. Mine'll hang around my neck like a rainbow, that's all, instead of a noose.

~Hortense Calisher

Every art is a church without communicants, presided over by a parish of the respectable. An artist is born kneeling; he fights to stand. A critic, by nature of the judgment seat, is born sitting.

~Hortense Calisher

Sociology, the guilty science, functions best by alarm.

~Hortense Calisher

Decades go faster toward the end of a century.

~Hortense Calisher

The standard dreaming of a society has to be listened to.

~Hortense Calisher

'Ms.' is a syllable which sounds like a bumble bee is breaking wind.

~Hortense Calisher

It took most people a lifetime to join the human race.

~Hortense Calisher

But the trek that starts with the feet always rises in time to the head.
There had never been any of mankind's that didn't.

~Hortense Calisher

The young show the genetic process, the old merely die of it.

~Hortense Calisher

The novel is rescued life.

~Hortense Calisher

Speech isn't for agony.

~Hortense Calisher

How clerks love refusing. It salves them for being clerks.

~Hortense Calisher

Balance is compromise. Of the muscles.

~Hortense Calisher

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