

Jessica Mitford

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You may not be able to change the world, but at least you can embarrass the guilty.

~Jessica Mitford

Gracious dying is a huge, macabre and expensive joke on the American public.

~Jessica Mitford

[On the United States:] A nation which does not appreciate that the simple elocution exercise 'Merry Mary married hairy Harry' contains not one but three vowel sounds.

~Jessica Mitford

Objectivity? I've always had an objective.

~Jessica Mitford

Picking other people's brains is an art worth cultivating.

~Jessica Mitford

Things on the whole are much faster in America; people don't 'stand for election', they 'run for office.'

~Jessica Mitford

Enemies are, to me, as important as friends in my life, and when they die I mourn their passing.

~Jessica Mitford

The character and mentality of the keepers may be of more importance in understanding prisons than the character and mentality of the kept.

~Jessica Mitford

I have nothing against undertakers personally. It's just that I wouldn't want one to bury my sister.

~Jessica Mitford

Growing up in the English countryside seemed an interminable process. Freezing winter gave way to frosty spring, which in turn merged into chilly summer-but nothing ever, ever happened.

~Jessica Mitford

Now there is a society where the funeral industry got completely out of control.

~Jessica Mitford

Society created the prison in its own image; will history, with its penchant for paradox, reverse those roles?

~Jessica Mitford

the prison system, inherently unjust and inhumane, is the ultimate expression of injustice and inhumanity in the society at large.

~Jessica Mitford

lifelong enemies are, I think, as hard to make and as important to one's well-being as lifelong friends.

~Jessica Mitford

Knowing few children of my age with whom to compare notes, I envied the children of literature to whom interesting things were always happening.

~Jessica Mitford

Prison walls are meant not only to keep convicts in, but to keep the would-be investigator out.

~Jessica Mitford

When is conduct a crime, and when is a crime not a crime? When "Somebody Up There" - a monarch, a dictator, a Pope, a legislator - so decrees.

~Jessica Mitford

It is somehow reassuring to discover that the word travel is derived from travail, denoting the pains of childbirth.

~Jessica Mitford

Objectivity? I always have an objective.

~Jessica Mitford

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