

Julia Alvarez

Quotes

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Character, Difficult Situations, Doe, Humans, Kindness, Issues, Surprise,
Dating, School, Plans, Lying, Sims*

The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.

~Julia Alvarez

Each of us will have to make the choices that allow us to be the largest versions of ourselves.

~Julia Alvarez

It's like my whole world is coming undone, but when I write, my pencil is a needle and thread, and I'm stitching the scraps back together.

~Julia Alvarez

A novel is not, after all, a historical document, but a way to travel through the human heart.

~Julia Alvarez

I write to find out what I am thinking. I write to find out who I am. I write to understand things.

~Julia Alvarez

A book does not discriminate against any reader. All are welcome at the table of literature.

~Julia Alvarez

Don't plan it all. Let life surprise you a little.

~Julia Alvarez

Everyone needs a strong sense of self. It is our base of operations for everything that we do in life.

~Julia Alvarez

I admit that for me love goes deeper than the struggle, or maybe what I mean is, love is the deeper struggle.

~Julia Alvarez

Every writer can tell you that a book is only truly alive when it finds passionate readers who bring it alive in their imaginations.

~Julia Alvarez

I grew up in a dictatorship, where you couldn't talk about difficult situations - there was this culture of silence. We would run into a problem and have no one to talk to.

~Julia Alvarez

Schools provide safe spaces to talk about controversial issues, and literature presents characters portraying human experience in all its richness and contradictoriness.

~Julia Alvarez

There is no end to what can be said about the world

~Julia Alvarez

The elasticity of imagination and compassion is what writing and reading promote.

~Julia Alvarez

How we lie to ourselves when we've fallen in love with the wrong man.

~Julia Alvarez

Independence didn't have to be exile.

~Julia Alvarez

Reading is a way to take in the difficult situations and understand them. The whole point of reading a book in class is to have discussion about what these situations are like.

~Julia Alvarez

When we read, even if the characters are tragic or sad or disturbing, these are our brothers and sisters in the human family.

~Julia Alvarez

Literature is about being a complex, contradictory human being.

~Julia Alvarez

Terrence, the Roman slave who freed himself with his writings, once observed, "I am a human being. Nothing human is alien to me." That could be the motto of literature!

~Julia Alvarez

Reading and thoughtfulness and openness are the best way, I should think, to begin to address the richness that is in each of us.

~Julia Alvarez

I think it is important to know how to teach new material to help young people grow and learn.

~Julia Alvarez

It doesn't make any sense. If the SIM are policemen, secret or not, shouldn't we trust them instead of being afraid of them?

~Julia Alvarez

Marjorie Agosin proves the power of the word to transport us to the center of her humane and human vision.

~Julia Alvarez

Depression is always in the details.

~Julia Alvarez

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