

Jung Chang Quotes

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Heart, Travel, Crush, Teacher, Boredom, Fifteen, Dog, China, Age, Ruins*

If you have love, even plain cold water is sweet.

~Jung Chang

While I was writing *Wild Swans* I thought the famine was the result of economic mismanagement but during the research I realised that it was something more sinister.

~Jung Chang

I think because of their terrible past, particularly this century, the Chinese have come to accept cruelty more than many other people, which is something I feel very unhappy about

~Jung Chang

I remember when my mother pointed to a stone, and she said this was the kind of stone people used to place on the feet of the baby girls to stop them trying to climb away and unbind their feet.

~Jung Chang

China is more prosperous than before. The people have better lives but they are not happy and confident because the scars are still there.

~Jung Chang

What has marked Chinese society is its level of cruelty, not just revolutions and wars. We ought to reject it totally, otherwise in another upheaval there will be further cruelty.

~Jung Chang

When I was in China, Mao was Chairman, and parents were terrified to tell their children anything that differed from the party line in case the children repeated it and endangered the whole family.

~Jung Chang

When he asked my grandmother if she would mind being poor, she said she would be happy just to have her daughter and himself: 'If you

have love, even plain water is sweet.

~Jung Chang

Although my book is banned I am still allowed to go to China and travel. There is no longer the kind of control that Mao used to have-there have been deep fundamental changes in society.

~Jung Chang

I would love mainland Chinese to read my book. There is a Chinese translation which I worked on myself, published in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Many copies have gone into China but it is still banned.

~Jung Chang

When a man gets power, even his chickens and dogs rise to heaven.

~Jung Chang

At the age of fifteen my grandmother became the concubine of a warlord general.

~Jung Chang

I was not allowed to take notes but my friend and I memorised those two and a half pages. Most people talked to me because of the warning. They knew this book was not going to be the official line.

~Jung Chang

I always wanted to be a writer.

~Jung Chang

...go in the direction your head is pointed in.

~Jung Chang

I feel perhaps my heart is still in China.

~Jung Chang

...boredom was as exhausting as backbreaking labor.

~Jung Chang

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