

Kate Atkinson Quotes

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The beginning is the word and the end is silence. And in between are all the stories.

~Kate Atkinson

As I watch, the sky fills with clouds of snow feathers from every kind of bird there ever was and even some that only exist in the imagination, like the bluebirds that fly over the rainbow.

~Kate Atkinson

If they would all sleep all the time she wouldn't mind being their mother.

~Kate Atkinson

If people believed in eternal damnation they might not be seizing the day quite so much.

~Kate Atkinson

Men had no purpose on earth whereas women were gods walking unrecognized among them.

~Kate Atkinson

The past is what you take with you.

~Kate Atkinson

Ethics are not necessarily to do with being law-abiding. I am very interested in the moral path, doing the right thing.

~Kate Atkinson

Ursula craved solitude but she hated loneliness, a conundrum that she couldn't even begin to solve.

~Kate Atkinson

In the end, it is my belief, words are the only things that can construct a world that makes sense.

~Kate Atkinson

I spent four years doing a doctorate in postmodern American literature. I can recognize it when I see it.

~Kate Atkinson

I feel as if I'm waiting for something dreadful to happen, and then I realize it already has.

~Kate Atkinson

It wasn't that [he] believed in religion, or a God, or an afterlife. He just knew it was impossible to feel this much love and for it to end.

~Kate Atkinson

Hindsight's a wonderful thing. If we all had it there would be no history to write about.

~Kate Atkinson

You must never believe everything they say about a person. Generally speaking, most of it will be lies, half-truths at best.

~Kate Atkinson

Most people muddled through events and only in retrospect realized their significance.

~Kate Atkinson

I have been to the world's end and back and now I know what I would put in my bottom drawer .I would put my sisters.

~Kate Atkinson

What if we had a chance to do it again and again, until we finally did get it right? Wouldn't that be wonderful?

~Kate Atkinson

Alternate history fascinates me, as it fascinates all novelists, because 'What if?' is the big thing.

~Kate Atkinson

I did feel when my mother died if anyone was going to haunt me it would be her. And she hasn't, so I think it is possibly the end.

~Kate Atkinson

Certainly I had a really terrible time with 'Emotionally Weird.' When I finished it, I thought, 'I can't write any more.

~Kate Atkinson

(although anyone with half a brain must surely be mired in existential gloom all the time)

~Kate Atkinson

She doesn't believe in dogs," Bridget said. "Dogs are hardly an article of faith," Sylvie said.

~Kate Atkinson

Sometimes,' Sylvie said, 'one can mistake gratitude for love.

~Kate Atkinson

Jennifer had never liked the pain of remembering what had happened, but for Theo it was the pain that kept Laura alive in his memory. He was afraid that if it ever began to heal she would disappear.

~Kate Atkinson

No point in thinking, you just have to get on with life. We only have one after all, we should try and do our best. We can never get it right, but we must try.

~Kate Atkinson

Feminism is such an incredibly awkward word for us these days, isn't it?

Not to be feminist would be bizarre, wouldn't it?

~Kate Atkinson

Perhaps we are on an insula ex machina, an artificial place not in the real world at all -- a backdrop for the stories we must tell.

~Kate Atkinson

The past is a cupboard full of light and all you have to do is find the key that opens the door.

~Kate Atkinson

They said love made you strong, but in Louise's opinion it made you weak. It corkscrewed into your heart and you couldn't get it out again, not without ripping your heart to pieces.

~Kate Atkinson

Time was a thief, he stole your life away from you and the only way you could get it back was to outwit him and snatch it right back.

~Kate Atkinson

Become such as you are, having learned what that is.

~Kate Atkinson

He was born a politician. No, Ursula thought, he was born a baby, like everyone else. And this is what he has chosen to become.

~Kate Atkinson

I am mad, I think. I am mad therefore I think. I am mad therefore I think I am.

~Kate Atkinson

Probably not needing to be published would give me more time to think about a book.

~Kate Atkinson

Sylvie's knowledge, like Izzie's, was random yet far-ranging, 'The sign that one has acquired one's learning from reading novels rather than an education.

~Kate Atkinson

Love was the hardest thing. Don't let anyone ever tell you different.

~Kate Atkinson

Oh, God. What was happening to her, she was turning into a normal person.

~Kate Atkinson

I've always loved mysteries, the something there that you didn't know, and with 'Case Histories' I just decide to make that more up-front.

~Kate Atkinson

It's been said that the men in my books have been absent, or weak, or creepy.

~Kate Atkinson

Not being published would be great. When I say that to other writers they look at me as if I'm totally insane.

~Kate Atkinson

The great thing about writing compared to life is getting to tie things up.

~Kate Atkinson

If you don't have a unique voice, then you're not really a writer.

~Kate Atkinson

You can step in the same river but the water will always be new.

~Kate Atkinson

Sometimes it was harder to change the past than it was the future.

~Kate Atkinson

Life wasn't about becoming, was it? It was about being.

~Kate Atkinson

Whatever happens to you, embrace it, the good and the bad equally.
Death is just one more thing to be embraced.

~Kate Atkinson

She was a terrible mother, there was no doubt about it, but she didn't even have the strength to feel guilty.

~Kate Atkinson

It was a long time ago now. And it was yesterday.

~Kate Atkinson

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