

Kay Ryan Quotes

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Flower, Matter, Heart, Names, Resources, Melting, Interest, Important, Knows,
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The day misspent, the love misplaced, has inside it the seed of redemption. Nothing is exempt from resurrection.

~Kay Ryan

Small presses take chances. Chances are at the heart of all the literature we later know as great.

~Kay Ryan

I have tried to live very quietly, so I could be happy.

~Kay Ryan

As for reality, I don't even have any interest in that word.

~Kay Ryan

Who would have guessed it possible that waiting is sustainable. A place with its own harvest.

~Kay Ryan

Failure: the renewable resource.

~Kay Ryan

What keeps me writing is that I can only know through writing. My major sense organ is apparently a pencil.

~Kay Ryan

A lot of the job that one has to do as a writer is to protect the thing that doesn't match the world.

~Kay Ryan

A too closely watched flower/blossoms the wrong color./Excess attention to the jonquil/turns it gentian. Flowers/need it tranquil to get/their hues right. Some/only open at midnight.

~Kay Ryan

It isn't ever delicate to live.

~Kay Ryan

It's important to have your private enjoyments because sometimes that's all we have.

~Kay Ryan

The only real access that I have to my mind is when I'm writing.

~Kay Ryan

Action creates/a taste/for itself.

~Kay Ryan

CROWN Too much rain loosens trees. In the hills giant oaks fall upon their knees. You can touch parts you have no right toâ€” places only birds should fly to.

~Kay Ryan

The satisfactions/of agreement are/immediate as sugar--/a melting of the/granular, a syrup/that lingers, shared/not singular./Many prefer it.

~Kay Ryan

Forgetting takes space./Forgotten matters displace/as much anything else as/anything else. We must/skirt unlabeled crates/as thought it made sense/and take them when we go/to other states.

~Kay Ryan

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