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Quotes

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Art, Mother, Effort, Desire, Protection, Self, Loyalty, Uc Berkeley, Daughter*

Wherever something is "pinned down" there's a little hole - at least one - more likely many.

~Laura Mullen

I'm interested in finding new and more humane modes of safety, and in exposing the arbitrary and superficial protections that have failed us.

~Laura Mullen

One might say that "Torch Song" is, in part, about the urgency of the effort to pin things down and what wild dart throwing that desire leads to.

~Laura Mullen

Given our examination of the behavior of our police forces at this moment the question of protection has an extra resonance, yes?

~Laura Mullen

If we take seriously the idea that the stories we want to hear shape the stories we can (and want to, and are allowed to) tell, then the canon emerges as something to examine very carefully.

~Laura Mullen

"Influence" is itself influenced, coming from an Italian word for the outbreak of a disease (influenza, outbreak). Influence is that which flows across - permeates - the boundaries of the self.

~Laura Mullen

It is worth asking who decides what's an "obsession" and where it differs from meditation or the kind of deep dwelling on a subject we see in philosophy or the work of Robert Wilson, for instance?

~Laura Mullen

Admitting how ill we are, how deep the damage goes, how constantly the abuse cycle is repeated and how horribly we have failed those who

most deserve our care and protection.

~Laura Mullen

Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (whose mother died ten days after she was born) wrote a novel that anticipates Semmelweis's discovery and serves as a parable for the destructive power of decaying matter.

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