

Leigh Newman Quotes

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Resisting and avoiding pain sucks energy-and time. The more you let yourself feel those minute-and-a-half hells, the quicker you'll start feeling those minute-and-a-half happinesses.

~Leigh Newman

The most reliable path to glory is base brute effort.

~Leigh Newman

If you need somebody to dig up rocks eight hours a day underwater, call me.

~Leigh Newman

There are still things out there in the universe to contemplate and spend our lives chasing.

~Leigh Newman

I've managed to create intimacy with people I know, and people that I don't know. The longer things stay inside of us, the more we think they are black or tainted, but they're really not.

~Leigh Newman

If you want to write in a mature and interesting way, you have to have sympathy for everyone that's involved.

~Leigh Newman

You see things really different when your father is so intimately, so indisputably in charge of your continued existence on the planet.

~Leigh Newman

When I was growing up, there were no cell phones and no roads into the bush, and so if something happened to your plane, that was serious. Nobody was coming to rescue you.

~Leigh Newman

There's a kind of intimacy that happens between a mother and an only child. Which only gets more intimate when it's between a mother and only daughter.

~Leigh Newman

I'm pretty much of the Shakespearean school. Dialogue is character. How we speak is who we are.

~Leigh Newman

My mom was a social worker. I had a pretty good idea of what the authorities can do when a parent's not around.

~Leigh Newman

I was an only child. And it's very much my temperament. I remember playing with a piece of string in my room for hours. I had never thought about what it would be like to have siblings.

~Leigh Newman

I don't think many kids question their surroundings. Everything seems so permanent and inevitable growing up, even chaos.

~Leigh Newman

There was always some germ of joy, some little paramecium of happiness wriggling around, waiting for a chance to get out.

~Leigh Newman

It feels like people talk a lot, in their relationships and in therapy. But my family wasn't like that. My dad wasn't and I wasn't. Things were said, but via the language of action.

~Leigh Newman

It's much harder when you're writing about your life, than when you're writing fiction.

~Leigh Newman

My natural inclination is to think in scenes. So that's how I write, and the issue for me is usually: what to compress for speed.

~Leigh Newman

My dad felt pretty strongly that I know about the basic workings of a plane and so he taught me how to read and set the instruments, as well as the basics of taking off and landing.

~Leigh Newman

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