

Letty Cottin Pogrebin Quotes

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If family violence teaches children that might makes right at home, how will we hope to cure the futile impulse to solve worldly conflicts with force?

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

We mothers are learning to mark our mothering success by our daughters' lengthening flight.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

When men are oppressed, it's a tragedy. When women are oppressed, it's tradition.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Boys don't make passes at female smart asses.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

If the family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable - each segment distinct.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

A toy has no gender and no idea of whether a girl or boy is playing with it.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

If the family were a boat, it would be a canoe that makes no progress unless everyone paddles.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

If knowledge is power, clandestine knowledge is power squared; it can be withheld, exchanged, and leveraged.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Friends can be said to "fall in like" with as profound a thud as romantic partners fall in love.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

No labourer in the world is expected to work for room, board, and love -except the housewife.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Lifestyles and sex roles are passed from parents to children as inexorably as blue eyes or small feet.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

I used to anticipate my childhood birthday parties as if each were an annual coronation. Like most kids, I loved sitting at the head of the table with a crown on my head.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

I didn't anticipate the primal quality of my pleasure, the raw physicality of it, the way my whole body leaps forward when I see my grandsons after a few days' absence.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

I want to visit Memory Lane, I don't want to live there.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

A family stitched together with love seldom unravels.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Friends seem to be like aspirin; we don't really know why they make a sick person feel better, but they do.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Housework is the only activity at which men are allowed to be consistently inept because they are thought to be so competent at everything else.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Apathy is the self-defense of the powerless.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

I feel about mothers the way I feel about dimples: because I do not have one myself, I notice everyone who does.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

We can remind the world that all the dead on both sides have not settled our differences, so now it is time for the living to renounce violence as a means of solving this conflict.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

What I often say to people who are quick to say I'm not a feminist is if you think you're not a feminist, give it all back.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Before devising any blueprint that includes the assumption of Having It All, we need to ask ... Why do we need Everything?

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

It's smart to be friends with one's sex partner but dumb to have sex with one's friends.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Illness is the proving ground of friendship.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Other than life experience, nothing left a deeper imprint on my formative self than the movies.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Mothers remember a child's first words, and quote them in tones usually reserved for Byron.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Control is a big issue when you're sick. It's the first thing you lose - other losses come later.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Although Freud said happiness is composed of love and work, reality often forces us to choose love or work.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

America is a nation fundamentally ambivalent about its children, often afraid of its children, and frequently punitive toward its children.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Friendships aren't perfect and yet they are very precious. For me, not expecting perfection all in one place was a great release.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Children's liberation is the next item on our civil rights shopping list.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

When the president of the United States flicks the switch to light up the Christmas tree on the White House lawn, that house ceases to be an American symbol; it becomes a Christian symbol.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

If the Richter scale could measure human calamities, the loss of a child would register a ten.

~Letty Cottin Pogrebin

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