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Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease.

~Lisa Alther

That's the risk you take if you change: that people you've been involved with won't like the new you. But other people who do will come along.

~Lisa Alther

Just as you began to feel that you could make good use of time, there was no time left to you.

~Lisa Alther

A snake will always be a snake, even if you put a chain around its neck and try to make it walk upright.

~Lisa Alther

Inspiration never arrived when you were searching for it.

~Lisa Alther

One didn't issue instructions to comets. Grown children did what they had to do, and parents could only grit their teeth and watch and pray for them to get through it.

~Lisa Alther

What a surprise to find you could shift the contents of your head like rearranging furniture in a room.

~Lisa Alther

If this was adulthood the only improvement she could detect in her situation was that she could now eat dessert without eating her vegetables.

~Lisa Alther

The requirements of romantic love are difficult to satisfy in the back

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seat of a Dodge Dart.

~Lisa Alther

Dying was apparently a weaning process; all the attachments to familiar people and objects have to be undone.

~Lisa Alther

The man who has no inner life is a slave of his surroundings, as the barometer is the obedient servant of the air.

~Lisa Alther

I wrote for twelve years and collected 250 rejection slips before getting any fiction published, so I guess outside reinforcement isn't all that important to me.

~Lisa Alther

The strength you've insisted on assigning to others is actually within yourself.

~Lisa Alther

The only obvious advantage to being an adult is that you can eat your dessert without having sampled the vegetables.

~Lisa Alther

The French would eat anything that couldn't outrun them.

~Lisa Alther

If you kept moving, you never had to mourn what you were leaving behind.

~Lisa Alther

successful parenting was like log rolling, and she'd often landed in the drink.

~Lisa Alther

It had been fourteen years and I hadn't had anything published. I had 250 rejection slips. I got my first novel published and it was called Kinflicks. It turned out to be a best seller.

~Lisa Alther

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