

Lucy Grealy Quotes

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Part of the job of being human is to consistently underestimate our effect on other people.

~Lucy Grealy

When I tried to imagine being beautiful, I could only imagine living without the perpetual fear of being alone, without the great burden of isolation, which is what feeling ugly felt like.

~Lucy Grealy

Anxiety and anticipation, I was to learn, are the essential ingredients in suffering from pain, as opposed to feeling pain pure and simple.

~Lucy Grealy

Beauty, as defined by society at large, seemed to be only about who was best at looking like everyone else.

~Lucy Grealy

Animals were both the lives I took care of and the lives who took care of me.

~Lucy Grealy

Partly I was honing my self-consciousness into a torture device, sharp and efficient enough to last me the rest of my life.

~Lucy Grealy

Sometimes the briefest moments capture us, force us to take them in, and demand that we live the rest of our lives in reference to them.

~Lucy Grealy

I began a lifelong affair with nostalgia, with only the vaguest notions of what I was nostalgic for.

~Lucy Grealy

While our bodies move ever forward on the time line, our minds

continuously trace backward, seeking shape and meaning as deftly as any arrow seeking its mark

~Lucy Grealy

All narratives, even the confusing, are implicitly hopeful; they speak of a world that can be ordered, and thus understood.

~Lucy Grealy

The general plot of life is sometimes shaped by the different ways genuine intelligence combines with equally genuine ignorance.

~Lucy Grealy

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