

Lynne Truss

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Panda. Large black-and-white bear-like mammal, native to China. Eats, shoots and leaves.

~Lynne Truss

The rule is: don't use commas like a stupid person. I mean it.

~Lynne Truss

If you still persist in writing, "Good food at it's best", you deserve to be struck by lightning, hacked up on the spot and buried in an unmarked grave.

~Lynne Truss

The reason to stand up for punctuation is that without it there is no reliable way of communicating meaning.

~Lynne Truss

Punctuation marks are the traffic signals of language: they tell us to slow down, notice this, take a detour, and stop.

~Lynne Truss

There are people who embrace the Oxford comma and those who don't, and I'll just say this: never get between these people when drink has been taken.

~Lynne Truss

Proper punctuation is both the sign and the cause of clear thinking.

~Lynne Truss

Old radio comedy makes me laugh, as well as 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue' and comedians like Paul Merton.

~Lynne Truss

Texting is a fundamentally sneaky form of communication, which we should despise, but it is such a boon we don't care. We are all sneaks

now.

~Lynne Truss

Texting is a supremely secretive medium of communication - it's like passing a note - and this means we should be very careful what we use it for.

~Lynne Truss

We read privately, mentally listening to the author's voice and translating the writer's thoughts. The book remains static and fixed; the reader journeys through it.

~Lynne Truss

I am not against marriage. I lived with someone for 11 years. But we weren't in love, and I thought that was quite important.

~Lynne Truss

What one discovers in life, I find, is that one's personality defects don't come and go.

~Lynne Truss

The way people behave towards each other is a measure of their value as human beings.

~Lynne Truss

Manners are about imagination, ultimately. They are about imagining being the other person.

~Lynne Truss

What I have always liked about Brighton is its impersonality. Since the 18th century, people have come, used the place and gone home again.

~Lynne Truss

Don't pessimism and caution naturally go hand in hand?

~Lynne Truss

Punctuation is a courtesy designed to help readers to understand a story without stumbling.

~Lynne Truss

Why did the Apostrophe Protection Society not have a militant wing? Could I start one? Where do you get balaclavas?

~Lynne Truss

If we looked inside ourselves and remembered how insignificant we are, just for a couple of minutes a day, respect for other people would be an automatic result.

~Lynne Truss

I do needlepoint from kits. I give them as gifts to people in the form of cushion covers and they are often speechless with horror.

~Lynne Truss

Evidently an A level in English is a sacred trust, like something out of "The Lord of the Rings". You must go forth with your A level and protect the English language with your bow of elfin gold.

~Lynne Truss

As with email, the recipient of a texted question seems to have the option to ignore it, while nevertheless saying hello, lovely day, and so on.

~Lynne Truss

After university, I got a job sub-editing and for years I was a literary editor.

~Lynne Truss

The idea of withholding a massive secret is obviously quite exciting to some people. It is also the basis of much classic drama, of course, from Sophocles onwards.

~Lynne Truss

The main advantage of working at home is that you get to find out what cats really do all day.

~Lynne Truss

What the semicolon's anxious supporters fret about is the tendency of contemporary writers to use a dash instead of a semicolon and thus precipitate the end of the world. Are they being alarmist?

~Lynne Truss

When you by nature subscribe to the view that everyone except yourself is a berk or a wanker, it is hard to bond with anybody in any rational common cause.

~Lynne Truss

I used to help my dad with a stall selling eggs when I was about 12. People were so hard up they would ask for one egg. But mostly no one came by at all. It was very demoralising.

~Lynne Truss

You don't want to make an enemy of Piers Morgan.

~Lynne Truss

I hate to be treated as if I'm invisible. I get incensed when people talk across me or refuse to catch my eye in a restaurant or shop.

~Lynne Truss

My favorite thing in the world is a quiz show, 'University Challenge,' so you can see what kind of sad person I am.

~Lynne Truss

To some people, the fact that I am not married, or don't have children, would be the reason I have written a book on punctuation.

~Lynne Truss

One of the things that all authors of fiction must learn to judge is whether - and in what detail - to describe the face of a character.

~Lynne Truss

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