

M. L. Stedman

Quotes

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Thinking, Wind, Consent, Mistake, People, Ends, Snakes, Silence, Memories,
Motherhood*

No one ever has or ever will travel quite the same path on earth.

~M. L. Stedman

You only have to forgive once. To resent, you have to do it all day, every day.

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Such a mysterious business, motherhood. How brave a woman must be to embark on it.

~M. L. Stedman

We live with the decisions we make That's what bravery is. Standing by the consequences of your mistakes.

~M. L. Stedman

To have any kind of a future you've got to give up hope of ever changing your past.

~M. L. Stedman

Oh, but my treasure, it is so much less exhausting. You only have to forgive once. To resent, you have to do it all day, every day. You have to keep remembering all the bad things.

~M. L. Stedman

Once a child gets into your heart, there's no right or wrong about it.

~M. L. Stedman

Right and wrong can be like bloody snakes: so tangled up that you can't tell which is which until you've shot 'em both, and then it's too late.

~M. L. Stedman

The law's the law, but people are people.

~M. L. Stedman

There are times when the ocean is not the ocean - not blue, not even water, but some violent explosion of energy and danger: fierceness on a scale only gods can summon.

~M. L. Stedman

Scars are just another kind of memory.

~M. L. Stedman

History is that which is agreed upon by mutual consent.

~M. L. Stedman

You don't think ahead in years or months: you think about this hour, and maybe the next. Anything else is speculation.

~M. L. Stedman

Every end is the beginning of something else.

~M. L. Stedman

When it comes to their kids, parents are all just instinct and hope. And fear. Rules and laws fly straight out the window.

~M. L. Stedman

That's how life goes on - protected by the silence that anesthetizes shame.

~M. L. Stedman

Sometimes life turns out hard, Isabel. Sometimes it just bites right through you. And sometimes, just when you think it's done its worst, it comes back and takes another chunk.

~M. L. Stedman

Years bleach away the sense of things until all that's left is a bone-white past, stripped of feeling and significance.

~M. L. Stedman

It is a luxury to do something that serves no practical purpose: the luxury of civilization.

~M. L. Stedman

Nature allowed only the fit and the lucky to share this paradise-in-the-making.

~M. L. Stedman

Sometimes it's good to leave the past in the past.

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