

# Maeve Binchy

## Quotes

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I don't have ugly ducklings turning into swans in my stories. I have ugly ducklings turning into confident ducks.

~Maeve Binchy

I try to make my characters kind of ordinary, somebody that anybody could be. Because we've all had loves, perhaps love and loss, people can relate to my characters.

~Maeve Binchy

Nobody is ordinary if you know where to look.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm an escapist kind of writer.

~Maeve Binchy

Women who start out as ugly ducklings don't become beautiful swans. What they mainly become is confident ducks. They take charge of their lives.

~Maeve Binchy

The whole art of life is knowing the right time to say things.

~Maeve Binchy

Always write as if you are talking to someone. It works. Don't put on any fancy phrases or accents or things you wouldn't say in real life.

~Maeve Binchy

If you don't go to a dance you can never be rejected but you'll never get to dance either.

~Maeve Binchy

Because I saw my parents relaxing in armchairs and reading and liking it, I thought it was a peaceful grown-up thing to do, and I still think that.

~Maeve Binchy

We are all the heroes and heroines of our own lives. Our love stories are amazingly romantic; our losses and betrayals and disappointments are gigantic in our own minds.

~Maeve Binchy

I have always believed that life is too short for rows and disagreements. Even if I think I'm right, I would prefer to apologize and remain friends rather than win and be an enemy.

~Maeve Binchy

I look placid, you see, that's why people think I'm fine. Inside I worry a lot.

~Maeve Binchy

I had a very happy childhood, which is unsuitable if you're going to be an Irish writer.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm getting better, happier, and nicer as I grow older, so I would be terrific in a couple of hundred years time.

~Maeve Binchy

I think you've got to play the hand that you're dealt and stop wishing for another hand.

~Maeve Binchy

The most important thing to realize is that everyone is capable of telling a story.

~Maeve Binchy

Everybody is a hero in their own story if you just look.

~Maeve Binchy

I've seen a lot of people buy my books and then fall asleep on the plane

soon afterwards.

~Maeve Binchy

My mother was a trained nurse, and she'd tell me that patients would fight as they were administered anaesthetic, grappling to get the gas mask off their face.

~Maeve Binchy

I discovered that men were just like everyone else, really. They liked you if you were good-tempered and easy to talk to. And being a big girl meant other females trusted you more and confided in you.

~Maeve Binchy

I didn't have a sweet tooth, but I liked butter, and I liked sauces, and I liked wine and curry and cheeses.

~Maeve Binchy

I have been lucky enough to travel a lot, meet great people in many lands. I have liked almost everyone I met along the way.

~Maeve Binchy

In my stories, whenever there's somebody wonderful and charming and bright and intelligent, that's me!

~Maeve Binchy

All I ever wanted to do is to write stories that people will enjoy and feel at home with.

~Maeve Binchy

Of course I wanted children. Bright, gorgeous, loving children. I could almost see them.

~Maeve Binchy

I do try to live every day as if it were my last, and it has worked for me

so far.

~Maeve Binchy

I have an irregular heartbeat, so that means a fair amount of medication - and I have blood pressure pills, too, but no vitamins or supplements.

~Maeve Binchy

On the first day of school, my father told me I'd be the most popular girl and everyone would love me and want to be my friend. It wasn't so, but it gave me an enormous amount of confidence.

~Maeve Binchy

You're much more believable if you talk in your own voice.

~Maeve Binchy

After my hip operation, I had to cut out butter, which I loved, and salt. I no longer eat desserts with lots of cream, and I've cut right back on alcohol.

~Maeve Binchy

We're nothing if we're not loved. When you meet somebody who is more important to you than yourself, that has to be the most important thing.

~Maeve Binchy

My memory of my home was that it was very happy, and that there was more fun and life there than there was anywhere else.

~Maeve Binchy

I think I was dealt a good hand. I have happy genes.

~Maeve Binchy

I am not a member of Fat Liberation, nor do I think that obesity is healthy. But I do believe that in many ways my life has been a more

charmed and happy one because I was always large.

~Maeve Binchy

Never mind money; the gifts of time and skill call into being the richest marketplace in the world.

~Maeve Binchy

I've been very lucky and I have a happy old age with good family and friends still around.

~Maeve Binchy

We have to make our own happiness, and we have to make our own decisions and play the hand that is dealt to us.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm particularly fond of boned chicken breasts with a little garlic under the flesh and cooked in a casserole for 40 minutes with a jar of olives, some cherry tomatoes and a spoonful of olive oil.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm mainly an airport author, and if you're trying to take your mind off the journey, you're not going to read 'King Lear.'

~Maeve Binchy

Happiness is knowing and appreciating what you've got. I am very, very, very grateful for what, to me, is dead easy.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm pleased to have outsold great writers. But I'm not insane - I realize I am a writer people buy to take on vacation.

~Maeve Binchy

Money doesn't make you happy, but it gives a zone of comfort around you.

~Maeve Binchy

If you woke up each morning, and immediately dwelt on your ills, what sort of a day could you look forward to?

~Maeve Binchy

I've had a good life, full of more success and happiness than I ever expected.

~Maeve Binchy

I believed that old people never laughed. I thought they sighed a lot and groaned. They walked with sticks, and they didn't like children on bicycles or roller skates or with big dogs.

~Maeve Binchy

When my sister Joan arrived, I asked if I could swap her for a rabbit. When I think what a marvellous friend she's been, I'm so glad my parents didn't take me at my word.

~Maeve Binchy

I love thriller writers. My favourites are Harlan Coban, Lee Child, Ian Rankin, Kathy Reichs and Ed McBain.

~Maeve Binchy

I have great family and good friends; the stories I told became popular, and people all over the world bought them.

~Maeve Binchy

I think I'm brave because I've made decisions based - I hope not entirely selfishly - on what I think is right for me to do next.

~Maeve Binchy

She put her head down on the table and cried all the tears that she knew she should have cried in the past year and a half. But they

weren't ready then, they were now.

~Maeve Binchy

My brother married young, and his is the best marriage I know.

~Maeve Binchy

You can't lay down laws for what people think and hope.

~Maeve Binchy

I'm a great will maker. I've made my will every year since I was 21.

~Maeve Binchy

I couldn't have children, so that's the bad side. But compared to everything else I have, it's not all that terribly bad. I count my winners rather than my losers.

~Maeve Binchy



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