

Margaret Haddix

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bitter is a bad way to live!

~Margaret Haddix

I write a book over a period of months or years, and when I'm done with it, usually another year goes by before I see it in print. It's hard to be patient and wait

~Margaret Haddix

After Ive sent my revised draft to my agent and editor, they suggest more improvement sand again, this revision phase can take anywhere from a few hours to a few months.

~Margaret Haddix

Generally I finish a first draft in 2-6 months, then I set it aside for a while so that when I come back to it I can read it with fresh eyes and figure out how to improve it.

~Margaret Haddix

When writing isn't going well-then the bad thing about being a writer is that I also have the freedom and flexibility to do something badly, and no one else can fix it for me.

~Margaret Haddix

I started trying to write when I was in second or third grade.

~Margaret Haddix

It's just so much fun to make up characters, situations, and everything else about a story. I have so much freedom and flexibility to do whatever I want.

~Margaret Haddix

I am not just what I remember. I am also what I dream.

~Margaret Haddix

Governments will rise, and governments will fall, and man will do evil to man, and all we can do is turn our hearts to good.

~Margaret Haddix

I like playing around with the words; I love it when I feel like I've picked the exact right word to describe whatever it is I'm trying to describe

~Margaret Haddix

I loved to read when I was a kid, and as soon as I realized that an actual person got to make up the books I loved so much, I decided that that was the job for me.

~Margaret Haddix

I like to know what I'm celebrating before I put on a party hat.

~Margaret Haddix

Assure you, the more I travel through time, the more I witness, the more I realize that there are things that are both strange and wonderful, far beyond human comprehension.

~Margaret Haddix

Fail big if you have to, but go down trying.

~Margaret Haddix

I think I learned a lot from reading in general - even from reading badly written books.

~Margaret Haddix

Amazing, Yetta thought. Back home I couldn't have chosen my own husband. And here I'm thinking about choosing presidents, governors, mayors, laws.

~Margaret Haddix

Jen, we did it. Everyone's free now.

~Margaret Haddix

There's hope around the corner.

~Margaret Haddix

Hope doesn't mean anything. ... Action's the only thing that counts.

~Margaret Haddix

Maybe everyone is just waiting for someone else to save them.

~Margaret Haddix

I can tell you that you will have your hearts broken more by the people you love than by the people you hate. But you must still dare to love. The rewards are worth far more than the risks.

~Margaret Haddix

I was lucky enough not to face any required summer reading lists until I went to college. So I still think of summer as the best time to read for fun.

~Margaret Haddix

Sometimes I can spend as long revising a manuscript as I spent writing it in the first place.

~Margaret Haddix

There's something about each of my books that I'm really proud of, and there's something about each of my books that I cringe over.

~Margaret Haddix

I like the fact that kids are willing to be imaginative and go along with me when I'm telling strange tales.

~Margaret Haddix

We'll have a 'rest of our lives' now.

~Margaret Haddix

I want to Live! Not Die, Not Hide, LIVE!

~Margaret Haddix

The Government justifies keeping everyone else in poverty because people seem to work the hardest when they're right on the edge of survival.

~Margaret Haddix

That porch is a happy-looking place, and my father - burdened, stoop-shouldered, cadaverously thin - doesn't seem to belong on it.

~Margaret Haddix

I don't know what you two are up to," Hobart said. "But you be careful now, you hear? Don't do anything I wouldn't do." "Well now, that doesn't restrict us very much, does it?" Mark teased back.

~Margaret Haddix

He looked at the piles of food again, and it was like he was seeing it with new eyes. This is wrong, he thought. Letting food rot while people die of hunger. It's evil.

~Margaret Haddix

Nothing was more valuable than the printed word.

~Margaret Haddix

...even the most independent people sometimes needed help. And if I'd learned nothing else from my life thus far, it was that you don't always end up where you think you're going.

~Margaret Haddix

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