

# Margaret Millar

## Quotes

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The smell of moist earth and lilacs hung in the air like wisps of the past and hints of the future.

~Margaret Millar

the smell of lilacs crept poignantly into the room like a remembered spring.

~Margaret Millar

Some people become so expert at reading between the lines they don't read the lines.

~Margaret Millar

Shrews are made, not born.

~Margaret Millar

You can't drown your troubles ... because troubles can swim.

~Margaret Millar

There is no such thing as an ex-exhibitionist.

~Margaret Millar

When you're counting alibis and not apples, one plus one equals none.

~Margaret Millar

Common sense is a vastly overrated virtue. I myself prefer the spark of genius.

~Margaret Millar

When someone gives me three reasons instead of one, I'm inclined not to believe any of them.

~Margaret Millar

I wish people would quit telling me to think. I think. Thinking's easy. It's not thinking that's hard.

~Margaret Millar

Violence is the instinctive response to fear.

~Margaret Millar

To the uneducated eye, as to the incurious mind, much of the world is in darkness, and a thousand songs are lost on the unlistening ear.

~Margaret Millar

People, alas, are more impressed by statistics than they are by ideas.

~Margaret Millar

The sun was shining like a congratulation.

~Margaret Millar

I didn't mind giving up carnality, jewelry and red meat in return for comradeship and an afterlife.

~Margaret Millar

Any good marriage involves a certain amount of play-acting.

~Margaret Millar

Don't borrow trouble. The interest is too high.

~Margaret Millar

Private problems don't constitute an excuse for bad manners.

~Margaret Millar

I've reached the age where anyone who lets me talk seems like an old man.  
By listening to my memories, you have become part of them.

~Margaret Millar

The day will probably come when you can tell everything about a person from his dreams except his age and weight.

~Margaret Millar

That's what a conscience is made of, scar tissue ... Little strips and pieces of remorse sewn together year by year until they formed a distinctive pattern, a design for living.

~Margaret Millar

Perfect young men don't get murdered, they don't even get born.

~Margaret Millar

If you go around looking for accidents, asking for them, they can't be called accidents any more.

~Margaret Millar

You have what is known as a lot of character, meaning you can be wrong at the top of your lungs.

~Margaret Millar

the emotions at death, as at birth, are instinctive and primitive.

~Margaret Millar

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