

Margaret Walker Quotes

*Hate, Heart, Believe, Black, Love, Men, Mean, Evil, Thinking, White, Memories,
Racism, Grandmother, Snow, Violence, Holy Places, Long, Southern, Sky,
Integrity*

Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go.

~Margaret Walker

Racism is so extreme and so pervasive in our American society that no black individual lives in an atmosphere of freedom.

~Margaret Walker

When I was about eight, I decided that the most wonderful thing, next to a human being, was a book.

~Margaret Walker

A writer needs certain conditions in which to work and create art. She needs a piece of time; a peace of mind; a quiet place; and a private life.

~Margaret Walker

Love stretches your heart and makes you big inside.

~Margaret Walker

You is born lucky, and it's better to be born lucky than born rich, cause if you is lucky you can git rich, but if you is born rich and you ain't lucky you is liables to lose all you got.

~Margaret Walker

Let a new earth rise. Let another world be born. Let a bloody peace be written in the sky. Let a second generation full of courage issue forth; let a people loving freedom come to growth.

~Margaret Walker

Only ways you can keep folks hating is to keep them apart and separated from each other.

~Margaret Walker

The poetry of a people comes from the deep recesses of the

unconscious, the irrational and the collective body of our ancestral memories.

~Margaret Walker

The Word of fire burns today On the lips of our prophets in an evil age.

~Margaret Walker

My grandmothers are full of memories, smelling of soap and onions and wet clay, with veins rolling roughly over quick hands, they have many clean words to say, my grandmothers were strong.

~Margaret Walker

Old Molly Means was a hag and a witch; Chile of the devil, the dark, and sitch.

~Margaret Walker

All you violated ones with gentle hearts; You violent dreamers whose cries shout heartbreak

~Margaret Walker

White folks needs what black folks got just as much as black folks needs what white folks got, and we's all got to stay here mongst each other and git along, that's what.

~Margaret Walker

Now when you hates you shrinks up inside and gets littler and you squeezes your heart tight and you stays so mad with peoples you feels sick all the time like you needs the doctor.

~Margaret Walker

I want my careless song to strike no minor key; no fiend to stand between my body's Southern song - the fusion of the South, my body's song and me.

~Margaret Walker

When and where will another come to take your holy place? Old man
mumbling in his dotage, or crying child, unborn?

~Margaret Walker

Snow-white moslem head-dress around a dead black face! Beautiful
were your sand-papering words against our skins!

~Margaret Walker

Her voice is thin and her moan is high, And her cackling laugh or her
barking cold Bring terror to the young and old. O Molly, Molly, Molly
Means Lean is the ghost of Molly Means.

~Margaret Walker

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