

Marge Piercy

Quotes

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Women*

We must shine with hope, stained glass windows that shape light into icons, glow like lanterns borne before a procession. Who can bear hope back into the world but us.

~Marge Piercy

Life is the first gift, love is the second, and understanding the third.

~Marge Piercy

We seek not rest but transformation. We are dancing through each other as doorways.

~Marge Piercy

A strong woman is a woman determined to do something others are determined not to do.

~Marge Piercy

It is not sex that gives the pleasure, but the lover.

~Marge Piercy

Live as if you like yourself, and it may happen.

~Marge Piercy

Long hair is considered bohemian, which may be why I grew it, but I keep it long because I love the way it feels, part cloak, part fan, part mane, part security blanket.

~Marge Piercy

All women are misfits. We do not fit into this world without amputations.

~Marge Piercy

Hope sleeps in our bones like a bear waiting for spring to rise and walk.

~Marge Piercy

A new idea is rarely born like Venus attended by graces. More commonly it's modeled of baling wire and acne. More commonly it wheezes and tips over.

~Marge Piercy

If you want to be listened to, you should put in time listening.

~Marge Piercy

Remember that every son had a mother whose beloved son he was, and every woman had a mother whose beloved son she wasn't.

~Marge Piercy

I don't even remember what Mother and I quarreled about: it is a continual quarrel that began when I reached puberty.

~Marge Piercy

Never doubt that you can change history. You already have.

~Marge Piercy

My strength and my weakness are twins in the same womb.

~Marge Piercy

We lie in each other's arms eyes shut and fingers open and all the colors of the world pass through our bodies like strings of fire.

~Marge Piercy

The best gift you can give is a hug: one size fits all and no one ever minds if you return it.

~Marge Piercy

Purple as tulips in May, mauve into lush velvet, purple as the stain blackberries leave on the lips, on the hands, the purple of ripe grapes sunlit and warm as flesh.

~Marge Piercy

What a richly colored strong warm coat is woven when love is the warp and work is the woof.

~Marge Piercy

My idea of Hell is to be young again.

~Marge Piercy

You are built to pull a cart, to lift a heavy load and bear it, to haul up the long slope, and so am I, peasant bodies, earthy, solid shapely dark glazed clay pots that can stand on the fire.

~Marge Piercy

The pitcher cries for water to carry and a person for work that is real.

~Marge Piercy

The work of the world is common as mud. Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust. But the thing worth doing well done has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.

~Marge Piercy

I mourn in grey, grey as the sleeted wind the bled shades of twilight, gunmetal, battleships, industrial paint.

~Marge Piercy

Burning dinner is not incompetence but war.

~Marge Piercy

When I work I am pure as an angel tiger and clear is my eye and hot my brain and silent all the whining grunting piglets of the appetites.

~Marge Piercy

In her bottled up is a woman peppery as curry, a yam of a woman of butter and brass.

~Marge Piercy

Sleeping together is a euphemism for people, but tantamount to marriage with cats.

~Marge Piercy

The incidence of violent brand-loyalty to one's own current dogma has risen.

~Marge Piercy

Troubles cured you salty as a country ham, smoky to the taste, thick-skinned and tender inside.

~Marge Piercy

It hurts to love wide open stretching the muscles... It hurts to thwart the reflexes of grab, of clutch; to love and let go again and again.

~Marge Piercy

The price of seeing is silence.

~Marge Piercy

The real writer is one who really writes. Talent is an invention like phlogiston after the fact of fire. Work is its own cure. You have to like it better than being loved.

~Marge Piercy

Like species, couples die out or evolve.

~Marge Piercy

Connections are made slowly, sometimes they grow underground.

~Marge Piercy

If what we change does not change us we are playing with blocks.

~Marge Piercy

We are trying to live as if we were an experiment conducted by the

future

~Marge Piercy

The people I love the best, jump into work head first without dallying in the shallows.

~Marge Piercy

Whatever is not an energy source, is an energy sink.

~Marge Piercy

Learning to love differently is hard, love with the hands wide open, love with the doors banging on their hinges, the cupboard unlocked, the windroaring and whimpering in the rooms.

~Marge Piercy

The moon is always female and so am I although often in the vale of razorblades I have wished I could put on and take off my sex like a dress and why not?

~Marge Piercy

Shared laughter is erotic too.

~Marge Piercy

Every artist creates with open eyes what she sees in her dream.

~Marge Piercy

Suspense is one of the ways you persuade a reader to become engaged and stay engaged with your work.

~Marge Piercy

There is no justice we don't make daily like bread and love.

~Marge Piercy

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~Marge Piercy

I never thought of myself as explaining cats in general. I simply viewed the cats I have known as characters in my life, often as quirky and complex as the humans with whom I have spent time.

~Marge Piercy

Where I came from, the nights I had wandered and survived scared them, and where I would go they never imagined.

~Marge Piercy

The will to be totally rational is the will to be made out of glass and steel: and to use others as if they were glass and steel.

~Marge Piercy

Sometimes when a character in a novel is difficult for me to enter, I see something in myself or in my own life as a doorway into that character's mind and emotions.

~Marge Piercy

On this twelfth day of my diet I would rather die satiated than slim.

~Marge Piercy

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I'm probably the only novelist who has ever written about political fugitives who actually knew a lot about them, had contact with them, and had a realistic notion of how they survived.

~Marge Piercy

i find it easy to admire in trees what depresses me in people

~Marge Piercy

I don't apologize for being sexually adventurous. Why not? It was often fun. When it wasn't - I didn't continue what wasn't pleasant.

~Marge Piercy

It's really important to visit a site you are writing about. Even if you know it well, even if you have lived there, it's important to take a fresh look in terms of your characters and your story.

~Marge Piercy

The art of fiction is one of constant seduction. You must persuade the reader on page 1 to start reading - on page 50, or page 150 and yes, on page 850.

~Marge Piercy

Obviously I find women more interesting than men to write about.

~Marge Piercy

Too much self-regard has never struck me as dignified: trying to twist over my shoulder to view my own behind.

~Marge Piercy

There are obviously a great many ways to organize some fraction of the material in a life.

~Marge Piercy

the body is simple as a turtle / and straight as a dog: / the body cannot lie.

~Marge Piercy

Any life is lived in a particular time and place. Every life is impacted by the family's socio-economic circumstances, and, in later life, by the person's.

~Marge Piercy

We live in a media soup and are constantly being programmed or are fighting that programming. Thus any truthful account of a life, every part of a life, is about society as well as an individual.

~Marge Piercy

If sex is a war, I am a conscientious objector: I will not play.

~Marge Piercy

When midlist writers are treated like dirt, I would desist were I less stubborn and less committed.

~Marge Piercy

Pain is a forcing sieve that turns me to gruel.

~Marge Piercy

People are very afraid of any controversy. We've become very passive spectator types. And when the kids were protesting globalization - quite reasonably - they really got bashed.

~Marge Piercy

I communicate much better with cats, usually. I know them and their body language - as my own cats know mine very well. Cats are adept at reading subtle signals.

~Marge Piercy

I think we validate our lives through our actions.

~Marge Piercy

I wrote to make sense out of all the contradictions I experienced and to deal with the pain and loss I was undergoing.

~Marge Piercy

I wasn't afraid of being poor; I rather took it for granted. I was good at getting by with very little. I couldn't imagine sacrificing my writing to

anything else.

~Marge Piercy

My grandmother was very important to me. She gave me my religious education. She gave me a sense of the female side of Judaism, of the rich store of stories and legends of the women of the shtetl.

~Marge Piercy

Grandmother Hannah comes to me at Pesach and when I am lighting the sabbath candles. The sweet wine in the cup has her breath.... a little winter no spring can melt.

~Marge Piercy

This life is a war we are not yet winning for our daughters' children. Don't do your enemies' work for them. Finish your own.

~Marge Piercy

History is a game played backwards only.

~Marge Piercy

One trouble: to be a professional anything in the United States is to think of oneself as an expert and one's ideas as semisacred, and to treat others in a certain way - professionally.

~Marge Piercy

Our wedding plans please everybody as if we were fertilizing the earth and creating social luck.

~Marge Piercy

Art is a game only if you play it, a mirror that reflects from the inside out.

~Marge Piercy

Only when we break the mirror and climb into our vision, only when we

are the wind together streaming and singing, only in the dream we become with our bones for spears, we are real at last and wake.

~Marge Piercy

The politics of the exile are fever, revenge, daydream, theater of the aging convalescent. You wait in the wings and rehearse. You wait and wait.

~Marge Piercy

I am my mother's daughter,... I am her only novel.

~Marge Piercy

The powerful don't make revolutions

~Marge Piercy

The work of the world is common as mud.

~Marge Piercy

Memory in Greek mythology is the mother of the muses, and it is so for me. Both personal and societal memory move me strongly, and that is one of the sources of my writing.

~Marge Piercy

The ruling class isn't dissatisfied: they are healthy, well-fed, live in beauty, enjoy their own importance: fun-loving cannibals.

~Marge Piercy

I am a driven writer. I feel guilty if I don't write, not self-indulgent if I do.

~Marge Piercy

With my poems, I finally won even my mother. The longest wooing of my life.

~Marge Piercy

I don't think writers change the past any more than other people do, except in so far as we may mine our lives and change things for fictional use.

~Marge Piercy

We can only know what we can truly imagine. Finally what we see comes from ourselves.

~Marge Piercy

Everything you study, everything you learn, makes you a better writer, because you have more understanding of how things work.

~Marge Piercy

When she kissed him, he melted like a lump of milk chocolate.

~Marge Piercy

Writing is a futile attempt to preserve what disappears moment by moment.

~Marge Piercy

Doorways are sacred to women for we are the doorways of life and we must choose what comes in and what goes out.

~Marge Piercy

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