

# Margery Allingham

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Mourning is not forgetting... It is an undoing. Every minute tie has to be untied and something permanent and valuable recovered and assimilated from the dust.

~Margery Allingham

Waiting is one of the great arts.

~Margery Allingham

If one cannot command attention by one's admirable qualities one can at least be a nuisance

~Margery Allingham

Love so seldom means happiness.

~Margery Allingham

People don't alter. They may with enormous difficulty modify themselves, but they never really change.

~Margery Allingham

Good doctors get a mechanic's pleasure in making you tick over.

~Margery Allingham

Of all the band of personal traitors the sense of humor is the most dangerous.

~Margery Allingham

When the habitually even-tempered suddenly fly into a passion, that explosion is apt to be more impressive than the outburst of the most violent amongst us.

~Margery Allingham

One policeman may be a friend, but two are the Law.

~Margery Allingham

Outrage, combining as it does shock, anger, reproach, and helplessness, is perhaps the most unmanageable, the most demoralizing of all the emotions.

~Margery Allingham

I believe that an author who cannot control her characters is, like a mother who cannot control her children, not really fit to look after them.

~Margery Allingham

There are, fortunately, very few people who can say that they have actually attended a murder.

~Margery Allingham

Only the united beat of sex and heart can create ecstasy.

~Margery Allingham

There are only two kinds of men who become dentists. The ones who love it and ones who get miserable. Think round and you'll see I'm right.

~Margery Allingham

I am one of those people who are blessed, or cursed, with a nature which has to interfere. If I see a thing that needs doing I do it

~Margery Allingham

When one kicks over a tea table and smashes everything but the sugar bowl, one may as well pick that up and drop it on the bricks, don't you think?

~Margery Allingham

Chemists employed by the police can do remarkable things with blood. They can weave it into a rope to hang a man.

~Margery Allingham

A great deal has been written about the forthrightness of the moderns shocking the Victorians, but there is no shock like the one which the forthrightness of the Victorians can give a modern.

~Margery Allingham

Self-satisfaction is the state of mind of those who have the happy conviction that they are not as other men.

~Margery Allingham

Beware of anger. It is the most difficult to remove of all the hindrances. But it is the alcohol of the body, you know, and the devil of it is that it deadens the perceptions.

~Margery Allingham

The optimism of a healthy mind is indefatigable.

~Margery Allingham

It's easy enough to make the truth look silly. A man never seems more foolish-like than he does when he's speaking his whole mind and heart.

~Margery Allingham

It's pitch, sex is. Once you touch it, it clings to you.

~Margery Allingham

A genuine coincidence always means bad luck for me; it's my only superstition.

~Margery Allingham

the old fellow seemed to spot deceit as if it reeked like a goat.

~Margery Allingham

She rose and followed her bust from the room.

~Margery Allingham

It was a little skirmish across a century.

~Margery Allingham

Once sex rears its ugly 'ead it's time to steer clear.

~Margery Allingham

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