

Marguerite Duras

Quotes

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The best way to fill time is to waste it.

~Marguerite Duras

Very early in my life it was too late.

~Marguerite Duras

Alcohol doesn't console, it doesn't fill up anyone's psychological gaps, all it replaces is the lack of God.

~Marguerite Duras

That she had so completely recovered her sanity was a source of sadness to her. One should never be cured of one's passion.

~Marguerite Duras

When it's in a book I don't think it'll hurt any more ...exist any more. One of the things writing does is wipe things out. Replace them.

~Marguerite Duras

You have to be very fond of men. Very, very fond. You have to be very fond of them to love them. Otherwise they're simply unbearable.

~Marguerite Duras

The words emerge from her body without her realizing it, as if she were being visited by the memory of a language long forsaken.

~Marguerite Duras

You alone became the outer surface of my life, the side I never see, and you will be that, the unknown part of me, until I die.

~Marguerite Duras

It's not that you have to achieve anything, it's that you have to get away from where you are.

~Marguerite Duras

In love there are no vacations. No such thing. Love has to be lived fully with its boredom and all that.

~Marguerite Duras

Our mothers always remain the strangest, craziest people we've ever met.

~Marguerite Duras

In homosexual love the passion is homosexuality itself. What a homosexual loves, as if it were his lover, his country, his art, his land, is homosexuality.

~Marguerite Duras

Oh, how good it is to be with someone, sometimes.

~Marguerite Duras

He says he's lonely, horribly lonely because of this love he feels for her. She says she's lonely too. She doesn't say why.

~Marguerite Duras

Men like women who write. Even though they don't say so. A writer is a foreign country.

~Marguerite Duras

It was the men I deceived the most that I loved the most.

~Marguerite Duras

You are what you are and that fascinates me.

~Marguerite Duras

What she said was always strange. It had happened long ago. It seemed insignificant. And yet it was something you remembered forever. The words as well as the story. The voice as much as the words.

~Marguerite Duras

We're in the vanguard of a nameless battle, a battle without arms or bloodshed or glory: we're in the vanguard of waiting.

~Marguerite Duras

Heterosexuality is dangerous. It tempts you to aim at a perfect duality of desire.

~Marguerite Duras

It's afterwards you realize that the feeling of happiness you had with a man didn't necessarily prove that you loved him.

~Marguerite Duras

Get rid of things or you'll spend your whole life tidying up.

~Marguerite Duras

Alcohol is barren. The words a man speaks in the night of drunkenness fade like the darkness itself at the coming of day.

~Marguerite Duras

In a certain state of mind, all trace of feeling is banished. Whenever I remain silent in a certain way, I don't love you, have you noticed that?

~Marguerite Duras

Stormy skies, says Ernesto. He grieved for them. Summer rain.
Childhood.

~Marguerite Duras

The solitude of writing is a solitude without which writing could not be produced, or would crumble, drained bloodless by the search for something else to write.

~Marguerite Duras

I see journalists as the manual workers, the laborers of the word. Journalism can only be literature when it is passionate.

~Marguerite Duras

The thing that's between us is fascination, and the fascination resides in our being alike. Whether you're a man or a woman, the fascination resides in finding out that we're alike.

~Marguerite Duras

She had lived her early years as though she were waiting for something she might, but never did, become.

~Marguerite Duras

When the past is recaptured by the imagination, breath is put back into life.

~Marguerite Duras

Drinking isn't necessarily the same as wanting to die. But you can't drink without thinking you're killing yourself.

~Marguerite Duras

He wanted to pay her; he thought women ought to be paid for keeping men from dying or going out of their minds.

~Marguerite Duras

I know all one can know when one knows nothing.

~Marguerite Duras

In heterosexual love there's no solution. Man and woman are irreconcilable, and it's the doomed attempt to do the impossible, repeated in each new affair, that lends heterosexual love its grandeur.

~Marguerite Duras

No other human being, no woman, no poem or music, book or painting

can replace alcohol in its power to give man the illusion of real creation.

~Marguerite Duras

Even so you have managed to live that love in the only way possible for you. Losing it before it happened.

~Marguerite Duras

When you wept it was just over yourself and not because of the marvelous impossibility of reaching her through the difference that separates you.

~Marguerite Duras

Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It's absolutely unavoidable.

~Marguerite Duras

What stops you killing yourself when you're intoxicated out of your mind is the thought that once you're dead you won't be able to drink any more.

~Marguerite Duras

I suddenly remember something I've been told about fear. That amid a hail of machine gun fire you notice the existence of your skin.

~Marguerite Duras

The house a woman creates is a Utopia. She can't help it - can't help trying to interest her nearest and dearest not in happiness itself but in the search for it.

~Marguerite Duras

When a woman drinks it's as if an animal were drinking, or a child. Alcoholism is scandalous in a woman, and a female alcoholic is rare, a serious matter. It's a slur on the divine in our nature.

~Marguerite Duras

...as long as nothing happens between them, the memory is cursed with what hasn't happened.

~Marguerite Duras

For that's what a woman, a mother wants - to teach her children to take an interest in life. She knows it's safer for them to be interested in other people's happiness than to believe in their own.

~Marguerite Duras

I acquired that drinker's face before I drank. Drink only confirmed it. The space for it existed in me.

~Marguerite Duras

Nowhere is one more alone than in Paris ... and yet surrounded by crowds. Nowhere is one more likely to incur greater ridicule. And no visit is more essential.

~Marguerite Duras

Life is only lived full-time by women with children.

~Marguerite Duras

I don't have general views about anything, except social injustice.

~Marguerite Duras

I am dead. I have no desire for you. My body no longer wants the one who doesn't love.

~Marguerite Duras

Their voices reach out into the empty yard, plunge deep into the hills, go right through the heart.

~Marguerite Duras

I have never waited for anything the way I've waited for today, when nothing will happen.

~Marguerite Duras

There are many women who write as they think they should write - to imitate men and make a place for themselves in literature.

~Marguerite Duras

She says people ought to learn to live like them, with the body abandoned in a wilderness, and in the mind the memory of a single kiss, a single word, a single look to stand for a whole love.

~Marguerite Duras

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People come to Paris, to the capital, to give their lives a sense of belonging, of an almost mythical participation in society.

~Marguerite Duras

It's only women who are not really quite women at all, frivolous women who have no idea, who neglect repairs.

~Marguerite Duras

We, her children, are heroic, desperate.

~Marguerite Duras

One must talk. That's how it is. One must.

~Marguerite Duras

All that remains of that minute is time in all its purity, bone-white time.

~Marguerite Duras

A prolonged silence ensues. The reason for the silence is our growing

interest one for the other. No one is aware of it, no one yet; no one? am I quite sure?

~Marguerite Duras

In a thousand years time this day will have existed for a thousand years to the day. And the ignorance of the whole world about what they've said today will have a date too.

~Marguerite Duras

War is a generality, so are the inevitabilities of war, including death.

~Marguerite Duras

I've forgotten the words with which to tell you. I knew them once, but I've forgotten them, and now I'm talking to you without them.

~Marguerite Duras

Banality is sometimes striking.

~Marguerite Duras

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