

# Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington Quotes

*People, Men, Mind, Heart, Love, Happiness, Thinking, Littles, Genius, Regret,  
Ignorance, Women, Vices, Desire, Errors, Years, Belief, Poverty, May,  
Character*

Tears may be dried up, but the heart - never.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Genius is the gold in the mine, talent is the miner who works and brings it out.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Borrowed thoughts, like borrowed money, only show the poverty of the borrower.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Prejudices are the chains forged by ignorance to keep men apart.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Happiness consists not in having much, but in being content with little.

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We never respect those who amuse us, however we may smile at their comic powers

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Our weaknesses are the indigenous produce of our characters; but our strength is the forced fruit.

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There is no cosmetic like happiness

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There are no persons capable of stooping so low as those who desire to rise in the world.

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Satire, like conscience, reminds us of what we often wish to forget.

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Talent, like beauty, to be pardoned, must be obscure and unostentatious.

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Religion converts despair, which destroys, into resignation, which submits.

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The chief prerequisite for a escort is to have a flexible conscience and an inflexible politeness.

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We have a reading, a talking, and a writing public. When shall we have a thinking?

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Wit is the lightning of the mind, reason the sunshine, and reflection the moonlight.

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Memory seldom fails when its office is to show us the tombs of our buried hopes.

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People are always willing to follow advice when it accords with their own wishes.

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In France, a woman may forget that she is neither young nor handsome; for the absence of these claims to attention does not expose her to be neglected by the male sex.

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The vices of the rich and great are mistaken for error; and those of the

poor and lowly, for crimes.

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A mother's love! O holy, boundless thing! Fountain whose waters never cease to spring!

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Superstition is only the fear of belief, while religion is the confidence.

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Love in France is a comedy; in England a tragedy; in Italy an opera seria; and in Germany a melodrama.

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Those who are formed to win general admiration are seldom calculated to bestow individual happiness.

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Love matches are made by people who are content, for a month of honey, to condemn themselves to a life of vinegar.

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... I never will allow myself to form an ideal of any person I desire to see, for disappointment never fails to ensue.

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Bores: People who talk of themselves, when you are thinking only of yourself.

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Calumny is the offspring of Envy.

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Imagination, which is the Eldorado of the poet and of the novel-writer,

often proves the most pernicious gift to the individuals who compose the talkers instead of the writers in society.

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Conversation is the legs on which thought walks; and writing, the wings by which it flies.

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Society punishes not the vices of its members, but their detection.

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Praise is the only gift for which people are really grateful.

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When the sun shines on you, you see your friends. It requires sunshine to be seen by them to advantage!

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Mediocrity is beneath a brave soul.

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Here Fashion is a despot, and no one dreams of evading its dictates.

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Many minds that have withstood the most severe trials have been broken down by a succession of ignoble cares.

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A beautiful woman without fixed principles may be likened to those fair but rootless flowers which float in streams, driven by every breeze.

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A poor man defended himself when charged with stealing food to appease the cravings of hunger, saying, the cries of the stomach

silenced those of the conscience.

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To amend mankind, moralists should show them man, not as he is, but as he ought to be.

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Pleasure is like a cordial - a little of it is not injurious, but too much destroys.

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You were wise not to waste years in a lawsuit ... he who commences a suit resembles him who plants a palm-tree which he will not live to see flourish.

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The infirmities of genius are often mistaken for its privileges.

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Despotism subjects a nation to one tyrant; democracy, to many.

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Life would be as insupportable without the prospect of death, as it would be without sleep.

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It is a sad thing to look at happiness only through another's eyes.

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Mountains appear more lofty the nearer they are approached, but great men resemble them not in this particular.

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Flowers are the bright remembrances of youth; they waft us back, with

their bland odorous breath, the joyous hours that only young life knows, ere we have learnt that this fair earth hides graves.

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Haste is always ungraceful.

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A woman's head is always influenced by her heart, but a man's heart is always influenced by his head.

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We are more prone to murmur at the punishment of our faults than to lament them.

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alas! there is no casting anchor in the stream of time!

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When we find that we are not liked, we assert that we are not understood; when probably the dislike we have excited proceeds from our being too fully comprehended.

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Flattery, if judiciously administered, is always acceptable.

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Society seldom forgives those who have discovered the emptiness of its pleasures, and who can live independent of it and them.

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Love and enthusiasm are always ridiculous, when not reciprocated by their objects.

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The difference between weakness and wickedness is much less than people suppose; and the consequences are nearly always the same.

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He who fears not, is to be feared.

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Only vain people wage war against the vanity of others.

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A profound knowledge of life is the least enviable of all species of knowledge, because it can only be acquired by trials that make us regret the loss of our ignorance.

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Listeners beware, for ye are doomed never to hear good of yourselves.

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Men who would persecute others for religious opinions, prove the errors of their own.

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Reason dissipates the illusions of life, but does not console us for their departure.

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Thoughts come maimed and plucked of plumage from the lips, which, from the pea, in the silence of your own leisure and study, would be born with far more beauty.

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A man should never boast of his courage, nor a woman of her virtue, lest their doing so should be the cause of calling their possession of them into question.

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Heaven sends us misfortunes as a moral tonic.

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To appear rich, we become poor.

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Some people are capable of making great sacrifices, but few are capable of concealing how much the effort has cost them; and it is this concealment that constitutes their value.

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The most certain mode of making people content with us is to make them content with themselves.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Spring is the season of hope, and autumn is that of memory.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Wit lives in the present, but genius survives the future.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

There is no magician like love.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Grief is, of all the passions, the one that is the most ingenious and indefatigable in finding food for its own subsistence.

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One of the most marked characteristics of our day is a reckless neglect

of principles, and a rigid adherence to their semblance.

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Yes, the meeting of dear friends atones for the regret of separation; and like it so much enhances affection, that after absence one wonders how one has been able to stay away from them so long.

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The future: A consolation for those who have no other.

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Women excel more in literary judgment than in literary production,--they are better critics than authors.

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A German writer observes: "The noblest characters only show themselves in their real light. All others act comedy with their fellow-men even unto the grave.

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There is no knowledge for which so great a price is paid as a knowledge of the world; and no one ever became an adept in it except at the expense of a hardened or a wounded heart.

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He who would remain honest ought to keep away want.

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Friends are the thermometer by which we may judge the temperature of our fortunes.

~Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington

Tears fell from my eyes - yes, weak and foolish as it now appears to me, I wept for my departed youth; and for that beauty of which the

faithful mirror too plainly assured me, no remnant existed.

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