

Marilyn French Quotes

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Losing the future is the best thing that ever happened to me.

~Marilyn French

To nourish children and raise them against odds is in any time, any place, more valuable than to fix bolts in cars or design nuclear weapons.

~Marilyn French

Fear is a question. What are you afraid of and why? Our fears are a treasure house of self-knowledge if we explore them.

~Marilyn French

The same men who are blind and deaf to feminism are acutely sensitive to what threatens their dominance and privilege.

~Marilyn French

My goal in life is to change the entire social and economic structure of western civilization, to make it a feminist world.

~Marilyn French

All men are rapists and that's all they are

~Marilyn French

All the women I know feel a little like outlaws.

~Marilyn French

The view of life as a struggle for power generates a language in which life has no significance and only power matters.

~Marilyn French

It's strange how men feel they have the right to criticize a woman's appearance to her face.

~Marilyn French

Men seem unable to feel equal to women: they must be superior or they are inferior

~Marilyn French

Oh, God, why don't I remember that a little chaos is good for the soul?

~Marilyn French

Control over a woman is the only form of dominance most men possess, for most men are merely subjects of more powerful men.

~Marilyn French

'I hate discussions of feminism that end up with who does the dishes,' she said. So do I. But at the end, there are always the damned dishes.

~Marilyn French

Men's need to dominate women may be based in their own sense of marginality or emptiness; we do not know its root, and men are making no effort to discover it.

~Marilyn French

Anyone determined to find another person or group inferior can always find whole lists of grounds that demonstrate inferiority because we are all inferior to the ideals of humanness we have erected.

~Marilyn French

I have opened all the doors in my head. I have opened all the pores in my body. But only the tide rolls in.

~Marilyn French

The real motivation of the campaign to criminalize abortion is to establish the principles that women's bodies belong to the state and that women bear the responsibility for sex.

~Marilyn French

Even disasters -- there are always disasters when you travel -- can be turned into adventures.

~Marilyn French

When they kept you out it was because you were black; when they let you in, it is because you are black. That's progress?

~Marilyn French

I believe that all human beings are equal. I believe that no one has the right to authority over anyone else.

~Marilyn French

It isn't success after all, is it, if it isn't an expression of your deepest energies?

~Marilyn French

there's no justice, there's only love.

~Marilyn French

There was no justice, there was only life. And life she had.

~Marilyn French

Survival is an art. It requires the dulling of the mind and the senses, and a delicate attunement to waiting, without insisting on precision about just what it is you are waiting for.

~Marilyn French

Nothing is ever simple. What do you do when you discover you like parts of the role you're trying to escape?

~Marilyn French

Habit is a good thing for the human race. ... You have to spend so much energy just getting through the day when you have no habits that you don't have any left for productive labor.

~Marilyn French

There's power to: and everyone should have that, but everyone doesn't. Power to play Bach, or tennis, or boccie if you like. And there's power over; and no one should have that, but people do.

~Marilyn French

I'd discovered you never know yourself until you're tested and that you don't even know you're being tested until afterwards, and that in fact there isn't anyone giving the test except yourself.

~Marilyn French

In a great gasp, puts her head in her hands again and cries as if her throat were a cave, as if the howling winds came from her belly, she cries like a storm that will never end.

~Marilyn French

Desire consumes you, it takes you over. You forget yourself completely. All you can think about is the other, the one you desire, your self is just a fire.

~Marilyn French

The very notion of superiority of one kind over another will have to disappear, although differences among kind will remain.

~Marilyn French

There is no power greater than the power of passive dependency.

~Marilyn French

She drowned in words that could not teach her how to swim.

~Marilyn French

in a way it doesn't matter whether you open doors or close them, you still end up in a box.

~Marilyn French

rain is one thing the British do better than anybody else.

~Marilyn French

When a baby first looks at you...when it laughs that deep, unselfconscious gurgle; or when it cries and you pick it up and it clings sobbing to you...then you are-happy is not the precise word-filled.

~Marilyn French

Never underestimate the power of helplessness!

~Marilyn French

you can't equate passive dependent power with assertive power because the dependent kind isn't fun, it doesn't give you a kick, it just allows you to survive.

~Marilyn French

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