

Marina Warner Quotes

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Fairy tales are about money, marriage, and men. They are the maps and manuals that are passed down from mothers and grandmothers to help them survive.

~Marina Warner

The female form provides the solution in which the essence itself is held; she is passio, and acted upon, the male is actio, the mover.

~Marina Warner

Meanings of all kinds flow through the figures of women, and they often do not include who she herself is.

~Marina Warner

If you want to learn about a culture, you look at what buildings the people lived in but you also want to know about their cosmos.

~Marina Warner

The more one knows fairy tales the less fantastical they appear; they can be vehicles of the grimmest realism, expressing hope against all the odds with gritted teeth.

~Marina Warner

The vocabulary of pleasure depends on the imagery of pain.

~Marina Warner

The sombre-suited masculine world of the Protestant religion is altogether too much like a gentlemen's club to which the ladies are only admitted on special days.

~Marina Warner

I was brought up a Catholic and I was quite fervent, because I was sent to a convent school.

~Marina Warner

I avoid looking in the mirror.

~Marina Warner

Romance, in its earliest surviving form, was called 'erotika pathemata' by the Greeks - tales of erotic suffering.

~Marina Warner

I shop online because I don't like to try things on in front of an alien mirror.

~Marina Warner

The stories are most often about justice. In her stories, those who commit injustice, or act tyrannically, come to no good. They are punished.

~Marina Warner

I love titles and organizing chains of ideas. I like that very much.

~Marina Warner

Wonder has no opposite; it springs up already doubled in itself, compounded of dread and desire at once, attraction and recoil, producing a thrill, the shudder of pleasure and of fear.

~Marina Warner

When I was young, I did actually model and was much photographed by famous photographers. But I was always a bookworm.

~Marina Warner

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