

# Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Quotes

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Simple, Earth, Forget, Writing, May, Strong, Fear, Long, Food, Years*

A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life, to be thankful for a good one.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

When a wave of love takes over a human being... such an exaltation takes him that he knows he has put his finger on the pulse of the great secret and the great answer.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

We cannot live without the Earth or apart from it, and something is shrivelled in a man's heart when he turns away from it and concerns himself only with the affairs of men

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

I do not understand how anyone can live without some small place of enchantment to turn to.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

A woman never forgets the men she could have had; a man, the women he couldn't

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

It seems to me that the earth may be borrowed but not bought. It may be used but not owned. We are tenants, not possessors, lovers and not masters.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Fear is the most easily taught of all lessons, and the fight against terror, real or imagined, is perhaps the history of man's mind.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Cross Creek belongs to the wind and the rain, to the sun and the seasons, to the cosmic secrecy of seed, and beyond all, to time.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Ants in the house seem to be, not intruders, but the owners.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Readers themselves, I think, contribute to a book. They add their own imaginations, and it is as though the writer only gave them something to work on, and they did the rest.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

No man should have proprietary rights over land who does not use that land wisely and lovingly.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Writing is agony for me. I work at it eight hours every day, hoping to get six pages, but I am satisfied with three.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Sorrow was like the wind. It came in gusts.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

A dead tree, falling, made less havoc than a live one. It seemed as though a live tree went down fighting, like an animal.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Somewhere beyond the sink-hole, past the magnolia, under the live oaks, a boy and a yearling ran side by side, and were gone forever.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

You kin tame a bear. You kin tame a wild-cat and you kin tame a panther. ... You kin tame anything, son, excusin' the human tongue.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Life is strong stuff, some of us can bear more of it than others.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

...a pie so delicate, so luscious, that I hope to be propped up on my dying bed and fed a generous portion. Then I think that I should refuse outright to die, for life would be too good to relinquish.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

The best fish in the world are of course those one catches oneself.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

It is impossible to be among the woods animals on their own ground without a feeling of expanding one's own world, as when any foreign country is visited.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

For myself, the Creek satisfies a thing that had gone hungry and unfed since childhood days. I am often lonely. Who is not? But I should be lonelier in the heart of a city.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Living was no longer the grief behind him, but the anxiety ahead.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Lives are only one with living. How dare we, in our egos, claim catastrophe in the rise and fall of the individual entity? There is only Life, and we are beads strung on its strong and endless thread.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Information can be passed from one to another, like a silver dollar. There's absolutely no wisdom except what you learn for yourself.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Here in Florida the seasons move in and out like nuns in soft clothing, making no rustle in their passing.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Words began fights and words ended them.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Madness is only a variety of mental nonconformity and we are all individualists here.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

the inferred is always more effective than the obvious.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Now he understood. This was death. Death was a silence that gave back no answer.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

He who tries to forget a woman, never loved her

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

to comfort any mortal against loneliness, one other is enough.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

The individual man is transitory, but the pulse of life and of growth goes on after he is gone, buried under a wreath of magnolia leaves.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

people in general are totally unable to detach the personality of a writer from the products of his thinking.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

I have found that each of my books has developed out of something I have written in a previous book. Some thought evidently unfinished.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Garlic, like perfume, must be used with discretion and on the proper occasions.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

It is not that death comes, but that life leaves.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

It is not death that kills us, but life. We are done to death by life.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

It's very important to be just to other people. It takes years and years of living to learn that injustice against oneself is always unimportant.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

the truth is artistically fallacious.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

You can't change a man, no-ways. By the time his mummy turns him loose and he takes up with some innocent woman and marries her, he's what he is.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

She lives a sophisticate's life among worldly people. At the slightest excuse she steps out of civilization, naked and relieved, as I should step out of a soiled chemise.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

no case of libel by a negro against a white would even reach a southern court.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

The test of beauty is whether it can survive close knowledge.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

I had done battle with a great fear and the victory was mine.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Personal publicity is apt to be dangerous to any writer's integrity; for the moment he begins to fancy himself as quite a person, a taint creeps into his work.

~Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Sift each of us through the great sieve of circumstance and you have a residue, great or small as the case may be, that is the man or the woman.

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