

Marsha Norman

Quotes

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Dreams are illustrations from the book your soul is writing about you.

~Marsha Norman

on the whole the American theater, dominated by men, does not perceive women fighting for their lives as a central issue.

~Marsha Norman

Family is just accident.... They don't mean to get on your nerves. They don't even mean to be your family, they just are.

~Marsha Norman

Write about the thing that frightens you most.

~Marsha Norman

Knowing is the most profound kind of love, giving someone the gift of knowledge about yourself.

~Marsha Norman

Music expresses longing and love and joy better than any piece of dialogue you can ever write.

~Marsha Norman

Success is always something that you have to recover from.

~Marsha Norman

I have had an inordinate and painful concern for the audience in my writing career.

~Marsha Norman

The theater is a communal event, like church. The playwright constructs a mass to be performed for a lot of people. She writes a prayer, which is really just the longings of one heart.

~Marsha Norman

I'm who I was waiting for. I didn't make it.

~Marsha Norman

Jesus was a suicide, if you ask me.

~Marsha Norman

I feel that I speak the musical language.

~Marsha Norman

At the heart of the failure of most plays is the inability to carry on a thoughtful conversation about your work with yourself.

~Marsha Norman

People listen to music with cavemen ears: Is it a bird song or the call of a lion? The audience at a musical is dancing in their hearts.

~Marsha Norman

When you fight something long enough, it becomes a center pole right in your life and you count on it to be there to fight with.

~Marsha Norman

I'm just not having a very good time and I don't have any reason to think it'll get anything but worse. I'm tired. I'm hurt. I'm sad. I feel used.

~Marsha Norman

I grew up at the piano, and I longed to write musicals.

~Marsha Norman

When "night, Mother" opened, I did not know how long it would be before I would have another show on Broadway.

~Marsha Norman

Art is how a culture records its life, how it poses questions for the next generation and how it will be remembered.

~Marsha Norman

People do think that if they avoid the truth, it might change to something better before they have to hear it.

~Marsha Norman

If I had not had music in my life, I would be the neurasthenic vision of the playwright.

~Marsha Norman

What's so good about a heaven where, one of these days, you're going to get your embarrassing old body back?

~Marsha Norman

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