

Mary Gaitskill

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My ambition was to live like music.

~Mary Gaitskill

Of course there's something there; unfortunately, there's always something 'there.' Something you will one day be sorry you saw.

~Mary Gaitskill

The only way to know what's possible is to venture past impossible.

~Mary Gaitskill

You can teach people a lot about craft and various techniques, and you can certainly teach them to appreciate, but you cannot give them spirit or soul if it's not there.

~Mary Gaitskill

What are you thinking? She asks. -That you are beautiful. That not everyone could see it. I almost became the kind of person who could not.

~Mary Gaitskill

Whenever young writers ask me for advice, I always say you have to be able to take a lot of rejection because, unless you're very lucky, that's what's going to happen.

~Mary Gaitskill

The art of integrating the ego and the impulse for empathy in a dynamic call and response.

~Mary Gaitskill

I think people hold back all kinds of things. And in a way, they just want to be nice. They want to be civil.

~Mary Gaitskill

I know several women my age who are really poor...because they spent

most of their energy taking care of children.

~Mary Gaitskill

Partly, I'm worried that no one is saying anything because they are afraid of being seen as politically correct.

~Mary Gaitskill

I think if a woman is very happy with herself and at ease with her choices, it goes a long way toward making other people feel at ease with her.

~Mary Gaitskill

I became very aware of how important it is to connect with children - possibly for the children, if they're in the mood for that - but certainly for the adults.

~Mary Gaitskill

I remember the time I said, 'I don't think you love yourself. You need to learn to love yourself.'

~Mary Gaitskill

I think politics are a part of life, so I have no resistance to it, but it's not something I set out to do.

~Mary Gaitskill

When you're writing a story, you're creating something of an artificial ending.

~Mary Gaitskill

I think, life is miserable.

~Mary Gaitskill

I focus more on the spiritual or psychic gains.

~Mary Gaitskill

Most women at retirement have significantly less money than men, and they still get paid less than men. I'm sure that in my reptile brain I'm quite conscious of this.

~Mary Gaitskill

I think women who are very creative and giving members of society can be respected and accepted.

~Mary Gaitskill

I think a woman who commits adultery, is not sympathetic in our culture - or in many cultures, let's face it.

~Mary Gaitskill

The hurts of childhood that must be avenged: so small and so huge.

~Mary Gaitskill

Dani said this woman, with whom she'd lived for two years, had never known her. "I feel like people accept the first thing I show them," she said, "and that's all I ever am to them."

~Mary Gaitskill

Somebody once said to me if you want to be understood, don't write fiction.

~Mary Gaitskill

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