

# Mary Higgins Clark

## Quotes

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Love Life, May, Hands, Library, Glasses, Action, Inspirational, Blessed, Red,  
Jealous, Believe*

If you want to be happy for life, love what you do.

~Mary Higgins Clark

The truth is I hate cocktail parties when the only person I know is my supposed date, and he abandons me the minute we come in the door.

~Mary Higgins Clark

When someone is mean to me, I just make them a victim in my next book.

~Mary Higgins Clark

The flame of inspiration needs to be encouraged. Put a glass around that small candle and protect it from discouragement or ridicule.

~Mary Higgins Clark

Writing is storytelling. No matter how you slice it, you're saying, 'Once upon a time.' That's what writing is all about.

~Mary Higgins Clark

Happiness is like mercury. Hard to hold, and when we drop it, it shatters into a million pieces. Maybe the bravest of all are those who have the courage to reach for it again.

~Mary Higgins Clark

live your life as if you may lose everything.

~Mary Higgins Clark

Approach your lives as if they were novels, with their own heroes, villains, red herrings, and triumphs.

~Mary Higgins Clark

The first four months of writing the book, my mental image is scratching with my hands through granite. My other image is pushing a train up the mountain, and it's icy, and I'm in bare feet.

~Mary Higgins Clark

A library is a path to the future--find yours there.

~Mary Higgins Clark

Funny, when you finally faced reality, it was amazing how clearly you could see things.

~Mary Higgins Clark

As a writer, you paint strokes and leave suggestions so readers can create their own pictures. That allows you to know someone by a small action and it saves countless pages of explanation.

~Mary Higgins Clark

I am a natural optimist but there were times when (it seemed like) I was doing nothing but adding up on the back of envelope what I had to pay this month.

~Mary Higgins Clark

I certainly understand very much what it's (like when) an expense comes up and you're trying to figure out how to pay for it.

~Mary Higgins Clark

When a scientist's son or daughter becomes a scientist they'll say "Wonderful! Wonderful!" So, why, in the name of God, would a mother be jealous to see her daughter become a successful writer?

~Mary Higgins Clark

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