

Mary Roach Quotes

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You are a person and then you cease to be a person, and a cadaver takes your place.

~Mary Roach

I don't fear death so much as I fear its prologues: loneliness, decrepitude, pain, debilitation, depression, senility. After a few years of those, I imagine death presents like a holiday at the beach.

~Mary Roach

I began thinking about my skeleton, this solid, beautiful thing inside me that I would never see.

~Mary Roach

Instead, I quietly excused myself and went to the bar, to commune with spirits I know how to relate to.

~Mary Roach

All the clothes in my closet are Oakland, California, clothes. You can't wear those anywhere else. The barometric pressure drops and then where are you?

~Mary Roach

The suffix 'naut' comes from the Greek and Latin words for ships and sailing. Astronaut suggests 'a sailor in space.' Chimponaut suggests 'a chimpanzee in sailor pants'.

~Mary Roach

Sexual desire is a state not unlike hunger.

~Mary Roach

Bodily fluids and solids are universally the most disgusting things we as human beings can come upon, but as long as they are inside us, it's part of you.

~Mary Roach

Wisdom comes with age, but keep it to yourself.

~Mary Roach

To me, NASA is kind of the magical kingdom. I was sort of a geek, and you go there, and there are just these wondrously strange things and people.

~Mary Roach

There are people who would love to spend their last ten years, or five years, or whatever it is, on the surface of Mars.

~Mary Roach

The broader the topic, the easier it is, not only to fill a book, but to set the bar pretty high for really great stuff.

~Mary Roach

In 'Packing for Mars,' I tried to convey the importance of getting young people interested in science.

~Mary Roach

Every mode of travel has its signature mental aberration.

~Mary Roach

It's this mood, these sentiments - the excitement of exploration and the surprises and delights of travel to foreign locales - that I hope to inspire with this book.

~Mary Roach

Worry lives a long way from rational thought."---Self

~Mary Roach

My books are not really books; they're endless chains of distraction shoved inside a cover. Many of them begin at the search box of Pub Med, an Internet database of medical journal articles.

~Mary Roach

Normally I object to strangers beaming force fields into my brain.

~Mary Roach

If you could really guarantee that the money would be spent on something more worthwhile, I'd say, absolutely, scrap the space program, but it never works that way.

~Mary Roach

The writing is always the easy part, provided I can get the good material. It's the getting of the good material that's a challenge.

~Mary Roach

In my whole life, I've never vomited from seeing something disgusting. Does it really even happen, outside of movies and TV? I believe it may be a myth.

~Mary Roach

The simplest strategy for bouts of noxious flatus is to not care. Or perhaps to take advantage of a gastroenterologist I know: get a dog. (To blame.)

~Mary Roach

I would have sold my wife and children into slavery for a ride into space.

~Mary Roach

Gravity disappears again, and we rise up off the floor like spooks from a grave. It's like the Rapture in here every thirty seconds.

~Mary Roach

For the scientists, they're kind of puzzled and pleased that somebody finds their work interesting. It makes it fun for me. I feel like I've sort of

turned over a stone that hasn't been turned over.

~Mary Roach

All good research-whether for science or for a book-is a form of obsession.

~Mary Roach

It is the mind that speaks a woman's heart, not the vaginal walls.

~Mary Roach

Softball is the reason Washing Machines and Bleach are so popular. Don't think so? Just ask a softball Mom.

~Mary Roach

The human head is of the same approximate size and weight as a roaster chicken. I have never before had occasion to make the comparison, for never before today have I seen a head in a roasting pan.

~Mary Roach

Many people will find this book disrespectful. There is nothing amusing about being dead, they will say. Ah, but there is.

~Mary Roach

Death. It doesn't have to be boring.

~Mary Roach

Hormones are nature's three bottles of beer.

~Mary Roach

You do not question an author who appears on the title page as "T.V.N. Persaud, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.Path. (Lond.), F.F.Path. (R.C.P.I.), F.A.C.O.G.

~Mary Roach

People are vomiting unrealistically in movies, and something must be done about it.

~Mary Roach

I don't write on topics that require a lot of urgency. But in 'Stiff,' I wanted to change people's hearts about organ donation. Whenever I get a chance, I try to talk about that.

~Mary Roach

Space doesn't just encompass the sublime and the ridiculous. It erases the line between.

~Mary Roach

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