

Mary Roberts Rinehart

Quotes

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The world doesn't come to the clever folks, it comes to the stubborn, obstinate, one-idea-at-a-time people.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Peace is not a passive but an active condition, not a negation but an affirmation.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

People that trust themselves a dozen miles from the city, in strange houses, with servants they don't know, needn't be surprised if they wake up some morning and find their throats cut.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

having considerable mind, changing it became almost as ponderous an operation as moving a barn, although not nearly so stable.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Love is like the measles, all the worse when it comes late.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I had a vision ... of being found on the pavement by some passerby, with a small punctuation mark ending my sentence of life.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Every crucial experience can be regarded either as a setback, or the start of a wonderful new adventure, it depends on your perspective!

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

when knowledge comes in at the door, fear and superstition fly out of the window.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Useless as a pulled tooth.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Women are like dogs really. They love like dogs, a little insistently. And they like to fetch and carry and come back wistfully after hard words, and learn rather easily to carry a basket.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The writing career is not a romantic one. The writer's life may be colorful, but his work itself is rather drab.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I hate those men who would send into war youth to fight and die for them; the pride and cowardice of those old men, making their wars that boys must die.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The mystery story is two stories in one: the story of what happened and the story of what appeared to happen.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

It's money that brings trouble. It always has and it always will.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Conflict is the very essence of life.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

It is only in his head that man is heroic; in the pit of his stomach he is always a coward.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

It takes a good many years and some pretty hard knocks to make people tolerant.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

There is something shameful about the death of a play. It does not die with pity, but contempt.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Enemies are an indication of character.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Every crucial experience can be regarded as a setback - or a start of a new kind of development. [You have the responsibility to decide if you will see it as a bad setback or good start!]

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Men were not equal in the effort they made, nor did equal efforts bring equal result. ... Equality of opportunity, yes. Equality of effort and result, no.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Death was a beginning and not an end; it was the morning of the spirit. Tired bodies lay down to sleep and their souls wakened to the morning, rested; the first fruits of them that slept.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

there is no truly honest autobiography.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Love sees clearly, and seeing, loves on. But infatuation is blind; when it gains sight, it dies.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Girls inevitably grew into women, but something of the boy persisted in every man.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

A little work, a little sleep, a little love and it's all over.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Suspicion is like the rain. It falls on the just and on the unjust.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

That is the tragedy of growing old, Chris. You don't leave the world. It leaves you.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

[On fishing:] Greatest rest in the world for the brain.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Men... look back on the children who were once themselves, and attempt to reconstruct them. But they can no longer think like the child.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Curious, how one remembered Christmas. Perhaps because other days might appeal to the head, but this one appealed to the heart.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

there comes a time when ambition ceases to burn, or romance to stir, and the highest cry of the human heart is for peace.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

A cat and a Bible, and nobody needs to be lonely.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

What a tragedy it was that the only thing age could offer to youth was its own experience, and that the experiences of others were never profitable.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

When a great burden is lifted, the relief is not always felt at once. The

galled places still ache.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

every act of one's life is the unavoidable result of every act that has preceded it.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

It was said of Miss Letitia that when money came into her possession it went out of circulation.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Great loves were almost always great tragedies. Perhaps it was because love was never truly great until the element of sacrifice entered into it.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

It's the safety valve of middle life, and the solace of age.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I never saw a lawyer yet who would admit he was making money.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

All houses in which men have lived and suffered and died are haunted houses.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

because we are always staring at the stars, we learn the shortness of our arms.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

it is axiomatic with most writing people that there are no such things as perfect conditions for work.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The one pleasure that never palls is the pleasure of not going to church.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

... if one can remember without loving, then couldn't one love without remembering?

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

pretense is the oil that lubricates society.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

There is a point at which curiosity becomes unbearable, when it becomes an obsession, like hunger.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

These are times of action. Men think and then act; sometimes, indeed, they simply act.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

From class consciousness to class hatred was but a step.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

To the bottle! In infancy, the milk bottle; in our prime, the wine bottle; in our dotage, the pill bottle.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Besides, you want the unvarnished and ungarnished truth, and I'm no hand for that. I'm a lawyer.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Natalie Spenser was giving a dinner. She was not an easy hostess.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Used to move so much, every time the chickens saw the team put in

the wagon, they'd lie down on their backs and hold their legs up to be tied!

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

There is no place in the world, I imagine, for a philosopher with a sense of humor, a new leisure, and an inquiring turn of mind!

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

McKnight is gradually taking over the criminal end of the business.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I suppose that we are only young, Chris, so long as we can forget. After that we merely remember!

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

the calm of a place like Bellwood is the peace of death without the hope of resurrection.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I have always regarded divorce as essentially disagreeable, like castor oil, but necessary.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

[The writer] wants both to do the best possible work and also to reach the largest possible audience. The result is a fairly normal condition of discouragement.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

my family, although it keeps its hair, turns gray early - a business asset but a social handicap.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Men love a joke - on the other fellow. But your really humorous woman loves a joke on herself.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The only way to make a husband over according to one's ideas ... would be to adopt him at an early age, say four.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The stage on which we play our little dramas of life and love has for most of us but one setting.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I began to feel that if religion was either an illusion or a revelation, it was simpler to accept it as an illusion.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Some day some one will write a book about that frantic search of the creative worker for silence and freedom, not only from interruption but from the fear of interruption.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The author lives with one foot in an everyday world and the other feeling about anxiously for a foothold in another more precarious one.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

[On the Irish:] Strange race ... Don't know what they want, but want it like the devil.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

We are often miserable at our desk or typewriters, but not happy away from them.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I have never learned to say 'gas' for gasoline. It seems to me as absurd as if I were to say 'but' for butter.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I suppose it is because woman's courage is mental and man's physical, that in times of great strain women always make the better showing.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Courage was America's watchword, but a courage of the body rather than of the soul - physical courage, not moral.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

it's been my experience that the first few days of married life women are blind because they want to be and after that because they have to be.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Of one thing the reader can be certain: the more easily anything reads, the harder it has been to write.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

The greatest weapon in the world ... is ridicule.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Men play harder than they work; women work harder than they play.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

To men and women who want to do things, there is nothing quite so driving as the force of an imprisoned ego. . . . All genius comes from this class.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I have a great deal of mind. It takes a long time to change it.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Young Doctor Arden was going through the process of reorienting himself after a night's sleep.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Herbert used to say that he was as tight as the paper on the wall.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

I found that my name signed to a check was even more welcome than when signed to a letter.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

[To her frequently needed plumber:] How would you like to be adopted? I'm sure it would be cheaper.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

the theater is the only money-making business I know in which haste apparently rules from first to last.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Old men make wars that young men may die.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

Every writer knows the terror of an unexpected success. How to carry on? How to repeat it?

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

There is nothing for the modern man or woman to fear about most cases of cancer. Nothing except delay.

~Mary Roberts Rinehart

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