

Mary Russell Mitford

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Autumn glows upon us like a splendid evening; it is the very sunset of the year.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Does it not appear to you versatility is the true and rare characteristic of that rare thing called genius- versatility and playfulness? In my mind they are both essential.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I foresee that the Andersen and Fairy Tale fashion will not last; none of these things away from general nature do.

~Mary Russell Mitford

To think of playing cricket for hard cash! Money and gentility would ruin any pastime under the sun.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Friendship is the bread of the heart.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I place flowers in the very first rank of simple pleasures; and I have no very good opinion of the hard worldly people who take no delight in them.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Nothing so pretty to look at as my garden!

~Mary Russell Mitford

She was the prettiest, silliest, most affected, husband-hunting butterfly ever.

~Mary Russell Mitford

We may admire people for being wise, but we like them best when they are foolish.

~Mary Russell Mitford

A novel should be as like life as a painting, but not as like life as a piece of waxwork.

~Mary Russell Mitford

In our present high state of civilization, people are so much alike, that anything at all odd comes on one with the freshness and character of an antique coin among smooth shillings.

~Mary Russell Mitford

No fear of forgetting the good-humoured faces that meet us in our walks each day.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I detest so much ... those persons, who insist upon telling you everything - who labor every point, as the lawyers say, as if they thought all excellence consisted in length.

~Mary Russell Mitford

That bad letters of every kind arise from want of the habit of thinking, I cannot doubt.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I do not think very highly of Madame D'Arblay's books. The style is so strutting. She does so stalk about on Dr. Johnson's old stilts.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Well, great authors are great people - but I believe that they are best seen at a distance.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I have had a great misfortune; my dear old dog is dead.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I have still the best comforts of life - books and friendships - and I trust never to lose my relish for either.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Enthusiasm is very catching, especially when it is very eloquent.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Fashion is a capricious deity.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Prejudices of taste, likings and dislikings, are not always vanquishable by reason.

~Mary Russell Mitford

... they know little of the passions who seek to argue with that most intractable of them all, the fear that is born of love.

~Mary Russell Mitford

Trees and children are, of all living things, those whose growth soonest makes one feel one's age.

~Mary Russell Mitford

There is no running away from a great grief.

~Mary Russell Mitford

I prepare myself for all disappointments by expecting nothing.

~Mary Russell Mitford

[On Elizabeth Barrett Browning:] ... for finish, and melody of versification, there is nothing approaching to Miss Barrett in this day, or in any other - also for diction. Her words paint.

~Mary Russell Mitford

[On Elizabeth Barrett Browning:] Her sweetness of character is even

beyond her genius.

~Mary Russell Mitford

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