

Mary Schmich Quotes

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Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. The older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young.

~Mary Schmich

Good art is art that allows you to enter it from a variety of angles and to emerge with a variety of views.

~Mary Schmich

One thing you might want to learn before you attend the world's largest ukulele lesson is how to say ukulele.

~Mary Schmich

Don't waste your time on jealousy.

~Mary Schmich

Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.

~Mary Schmich

Don't waste time on jealousy. Sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind.

~Mary Schmich

Like many women my age, I am 28 years old.

~Mary Schmich

Every day each of us wakes up, reaches into drawers and closets, pulls out a costume for the day and proceeds to dress in a style that can only be called preposterous.

~Mary Schmich

TV happens. And once it's happened, it's gone. When it's gone, you move on, no tears, no tantrums, no videotape

~Mary Schmich

You can map your life through your favorite movies, and no two people's maps will be the same.

~Mary Schmich

Worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum.

~Mary Schmich

Dance, even if you have nowhere to do it but your living room.

~Mary Schmich

The movies we love and admire are to some extent a function of who we are when we see them.

~Mary Schmich

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard. Live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft

~Mary Schmich

Do one thing every day that scares you. The race is long and, in the end, it's only with yourself.

~Mary Schmich

Be kind to your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone.

~Mary Schmich

Keep your old love letters. Throw away your old bank statements.

~Mary Schmich

Whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much, or berate yourself either. Your choices are half chance. So are everybody else's.

~Mary Schmich

In twenty years you'll look back at photos of yourself and recall in a way

you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked.

~Mary Schmich

Get to know your parents, you never know when they'll be gone for good.

~Mary Schmich

Be nice to your siblings. They are your link to the past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.

~Mary Schmich

Remember compliments you receive. Forget the insults. If you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

~Mary Schmich

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you'll have a trust fund. Maybe you'll have a wealthy spouse. But you never know when either of them might run out.

~Mary Schmich

You can figure out who you were by which movies you loved when

~Mary Schmich

Linda Tripp has shown that a true friend is an archivist, a biographer.

~Mary Schmich

Families are ecosystems. Each life grows in response to the lives around it

~Mary Schmich

The secret to happiness, at Thanksgiving or any time, is to find pleasure in imperfection.

~Mary Schmich

For some Chicago expats, food is the medicine that blunts the pain of separation.

~Mary Schmich

Unusual commencement advice: Ladies and gentlemen of the class of '97: Wear sunscreen. If I could offer you only one tip for the future, sunscreen would be it.

~Mary Schmich

Alcohol, contrary to instinct, is not the secret to happiness.

~Mary Schmich

Thanksgiving without tension is like a Thanksgiving without turkey. It can be done, but it is not the norm.

~Mary Schmich

The secret to happiness, at Thanksgiving or any time, is to reframe obligation as opportunity. You don't have to spend Thanksgiving with your family. You get to.

~Mary Schmich

Getting out of the house is the secret to staying alert through the droning hours leading up to the big meal, even if you don't go farther than 7-Eleven for another six-pack.

~Mary Schmich

On an average day, we allow ourselves the fiction that we own a piece of our workplace. That's part of what it takes to get the job done. Deeper down, we know it's all on loan.

~Mary Schmich

The soul-sucking activity of TV-watching feels better when it is done with other souls.

~Mary Schmich

Advice, like youth, probably just wasted on the young.

~Mary Schmich

The first gay person I ever met was surely not the first gay person I ever met.

~Mary Schmich

The Hunger Games' isn't for everybody. But neither is 'Anna Karenina.

~Mary Schmich

Do not read beauty magazines. They only make you feel ugly.

~Mary Schmich

When you're thinking, "Why do I have to eat Aunt Sue's casserole with potato chips crumbled on top again?" change that thought to "A couple of bites won't kill me."

~Mary Schmich

Replace the words "have to" with "get to" and watch how the cold rain on your life changes to sunshine.

~Mary Schmich

Here's a thing about the death of your mother, or anyone else you love: You can't anticipate how you'll feel afterward. People will tell you; a few may be close to right, none exactly right.

~Mary Schmich

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