

# Mary Wesley Quotes

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They may turn out to be a great disappointment, or perhaps they may be full of enchanting surprises.

~Mary Wesley

That image of the countryside being a threatening place still exists. People continue to resist the challenge of learning about aspects of life they don't understand.

~Mary Wesley

Twenty years ago, I was living in a lovely cottage on the edge of Dartmoor but I couldn't afford to run a car.

~Mary Wesley

Unimaginative people are spared quite a lot. They're often much happier, because they don't go through all the variety of conceptions of the person they love.

~Mary Wesley

I always read that men don't like intelligent girls, but I've always found the reverse.

~Mary Wesley

People try much less hard to make a marriage work than they used to fifty years ago. Divorce is easier.

~Mary Wesley

I was sent to a finishing school, which didn't last long when mother found out how badly chaperoned we were. Then I 'came out' before going to a domestic science school.

~Mary Wesley

Rebecca is an example of how not to manage men. The rules of the game never change, it requires subtlety.

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I have a garden, and I'm passionately interested in young people.

~Mary Wesley

My father was a soldier and my mother was a great mover. She once counted up how many places she had lived in during the first 25 years of her marriage and it came to 20.

~Mary Wesley

We're all like children. We may think we grow up, but to me, being grown up is death, stopping thinking, trying to find out things, going on learning.

~Mary Wesley

Of course risk-taking does not always pay off, but it's a lot of fun!

~Mary Wesley

In my eighties, my best friends are in their fifties, and I have many friends at university. It keeps one young, and up with the vocabulary. That's terribly important, especially for a writer.

~Mary Wesley

It seemed sensible to move to a market town where I could walk everywhere.

~Mary Wesley

I found out only recently that we were making an index of enemy code signs.

~Mary Wesley

Looking back, I understand that I was teaching myself to write.

~Mary Wesley

I don't write for any particular kind of person.

~Mary Wesley

Each marriage has to be judged separately, and we never know what's going on in another person's marriage.

~Mary Wesley

I have deliberately left Sylvester and Julia's appearances to the reader's imagination.

~Mary Wesley

A lot of people stop short. They don't actually die but they say, 'Right I'm old, and I'm going to retire,' and then they dwindle into nothing. They go off to Florida and become jolly boring.

~Mary Wesley

My first husband would never make up his mind in less than five years, so I used to get him to think that whatever course of action needed to be taken was his idea. Then he'd go right ahead.

~Mary Wesley

I never really know the title of a book until it's finished.

~Mary Wesley

We all lie to each other, present some sort of front.

~Mary Wesley

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