

Maureen Dowd Quotes

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The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.

~Maureen Dowd

[On journalists:] We are a noisy, imperfect lot, struggling to scribble what has been called the first draft of history.

~Maureen Dowd

Journalism, spooked by rumors of its own obsolescence, has stopped believing in itself. Groans of doom alternate with panicked happy talk.

~Maureen Dowd

The sounds of silence are a dim recollection now, like mystery, privacy and paying attention to one thing “ or one person “ at a time.

~Maureen Dowd

Wooing the press is an exercise roughly akin to picnicking with a tiger. You might enjoy the meal, but the tiger always eats last.

~Maureen Dowd

Celebrity distorts democracy by giving the rich, beautiful, and famous more authority than they deserve.

~Maureen Dowd

When I need to work up my nerve to write a tough column, I try to think of myself as Emma Peel in a black leather catsuit.

~Maureen Dowd

If you're famous enough, the rules don't apply.

~Maureen Dowd

A friendship between reporter and source lasts only until it is profitable for one to betray the other.

~Maureen Dowd

The idea of American exceptionalism doesn't extend to Americans being exceptional.

~Maureen Dowd

Celebrity is the religion of our time.

~Maureen Dowd

Don't write anything down, but save everything that anyone else writes down.

~Maureen Dowd

Afghanistan is more than the 'graveyard of empires.' It's the mother of vicious circles.

~Maureen Dowd

And as far as doing God's work, I think the bankers who took government money and then gave out obscene bonuses are the same self-interested sorts Jesus threw out of the temple.

~Maureen Dowd

Even when conservatives have all the marbles, they still act as if they're under siege. Now that they are under siege, it is no time for them to act as if they're losing their marbles.

~Maureen Dowd

Perpetual optimism is annoying. It is a sign that you are not paying attention.

~Maureen Dowd

It is men's worst fear, personally and professionally, that women will pin the sin on them.

~Maureen Dowd

It takes a lot of adrenaline and fear to make me actually write.

~Maureen Dowd

As a woman, I know that if I write about another woman, it will be perceived as a catfight.

~Maureen Dowd

The insane have achieved political respectability while the sane act too good for it all. The irrational celebrate while the rational act bored and above-it-all.

~Maureen Dowd

Are women necessary? Not with Ava around

~Maureen Dowd

If wit is the most sophisticated form of humor, pranks are the most juvenile.

~Maureen Dowd

Just because digital technology makes connecting possible doesn't mean you're actually reaching people.

~Maureen Dowd

Zingers should glow with intelligence as well as drip with contempt.

~Maureen Dowd

Americans want to be protected, but not at the cost of vitiating the values that make us Americans.

~Maureen Dowd

Women are affected by lunar tides only once a month; men have raging hormones every day.

~Maureen Dowd

Reagan didn't socialize with the press. He spent his evenings with

Nancy, watching TV with dinner trays. But he knew that to transcend, you can't condescend.

~Maureen Dowd

Personally, I've decided to stop evolving.

~Maureen Dowd

For two centuries, the South has feared a takeover by blacks or the feds. In Obama, they have both.

~Maureen Dowd

Tweetin' ain't cheatin'.

~Maureen Dowd

Washington is a place where people have always been suspect of style and overt sexuality. Too much preening signals that you're not up late studying cap-and-trade agreements.

~Maureen Dowd

My eating habits were so bad for many years that I didn't actually know the intricacies of making a salad.

~Maureen Dowd

I think the evangelicals think they're in a holy war now.

~Maureen Dowd

Military guys are rarely as smart as they think they are, and they've never gotten over the fact that civilians run the military.

~Maureen Dowd

F.D.R. achieved greatness not by means of imposing his temperament and intellect on the world but by reacting to what the world threw at him.

~Maureen Dowd

I find having a column a very difficult form of journalism. I'm not a natural like Tom Friedman and Anna Quindlen.

~Maureen Dowd

I don't understand men. I don't even understand what I don't understand about men.

~Maureen Dowd

I think Hillary Clinton's a very clever politician but she would be too easy to stereotype the way John Kerry was.

~Maureen Dowd

Women have become so obsessed with not withering, they've forgotten that there are infinite ways to be beautiful.

~Maureen Dowd

Good and evil are not like the Redskins and the Cowboys.

~Maureen Dowd

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