

Maureen Howard

Quotes

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The Golden Arches of McDonald's rise, glorious across the landscape, contempo-monolithic, simple in concept as Stonehenge if we could but see it.

~Maureen Howard

There's a bad odor about a man who's been betrayed.

~Maureen Howard

I like density, not volume. I like to leave something to the imagination. The reader must fit the pieces together, with the author's discreet help.

~Maureen Howard

The part we play is not as we want it, but as we are made-with the genitals God gave us.

~Maureen Howard

I've finally learned not to want things I cannot have.

~Maureen Howard

Acceptance is the word we must substitute for dependence in dealing with the aged. Their acceptance of help, ours of their need.

~Maureen Howard

None of the adults I knew ever touched in public, much less kneaded each others flesh.

~Maureen Howard

Hindsight is common and bland as boiled potatoes.

~Maureen Howard

To fear the bourgeois is bourgeois.

~Maureen Howard

Wouldn't a laugh serve us better than to battle it out with our mortal

souls?

~Maureen Howard

To say a thing simply: I am my history, but the story of my life is always guarded, self-conscious. It is finally the only story we give to someone we love.

~Maureen Howard

The Catholic Church with its foreshortened American history and tangled puritanical roots was as inviolate to my mother and father as it was to the last-ditch aristocrats of Evelyn Waugh.

~Maureen Howard

It was unavoidable, my writing. I feel I had no choice in the matter, no more than I had about an unfortunate bone structure and a healthy head of hair.

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