

# Mavis Gallant Quotes

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Decide what the rest of your life is to be. Whatever you are now, you might be forever.

~Mavis Gallant

Success can only be measured in terms of distance traveled.

~Mavis Gallant

A short story is what you see when you look out of the window.

~Mavis Gallant

There are a great many opinions in this world, and a good half of them are professed by people who have never been in trouble.

~Mavis Gallant

All lives are interesting; no one life is more interesting than another. Its fascination depends on how much is revealed, and in what manner.

~Mavis Gallant

Writing is like a love affair: the beginning is the best part.

~Mavis Gallant

I write every day as a matter of course. It is not a burden. It is the way I live.

~Mavis Gallant

I believed that if I was to call myself a writer, I should live on writing. If I could not live on it, even simply, I should destroy every scrap, every trace, every notebook and live some other way.

~Mavis Gallant

A writer's life stands in relation to his work as a house does to a garden, related but distinct.

~Mavis Gallant

[My father] had spent his own short time like a priest in charge of a relic, forever expecting the blessed blood to liquefy.

~Mavis Gallant

I began to ration my writing, for fear I would dream through life as my father had done. I was afraid I had inherited a poisoned gene from him, a vocation without a gift.

~Mavis Gallant

... appeals to memory were never perfectly answered.

~Mavis Gallant

She and Marie were Montreal girls, not trained to accompany heroes, or to hold out for dreams, but just to be patient.

~Mavis Gallant

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