

# Meg Wolitzer

## Quotes

*People, Book, Children, Thinking, Writing, Passion, Teacher, Ideas, Taken, Self, College, Dream, World, Sleep, Parent, Knowing, Long, Lifetime, Stronger, War*

Being a teacher at a restaurant in the town where you lived was a little like being a TV star.

~Meg Wolitzer

While it's true that some writers, when taking on love and war, find the task too big, or only succeed in one but not the other, Mengestu tracks both themes with authority and feeling.

~Meg Wolitzer

Good writing is good writing, and I'm so happy when I read it.

~Meg Wolitzer

You had only one chance for a signature in life, but most people left no impression.

~Meg Wolitzer

The child who was happy with herself meant the parents had won the jackpot.

~Meg Wolitzer

For me, a novel relying too heavily on a single idea might be a dry, deadly thing unless it possesses an animating force.

~Meg Wolitzer

Both my mother and I have close groups of friends that include other writers, and these friendships are very important to us.

~Meg Wolitzer

Books light the fire-whether it's a book that's already written, or an empty journal that needs to be filled in.

~Meg Wolitzer

In *The Interestings* I wanted to write about what happens to talent over time. In some people talent blooms, in others it falls away.

~Meg Wolitzer

Wasn't the whole point of being an artist, or at least part of it, that you didn't have to wear a tie?

~Meg Wolitzer

After a certain age, you felt a need not to be alone. It grew stronger, like a radio frequency, until finally it was so powerful that you were forced to do something about it.

~Meg Wolitzer

And specialness - everyone wants it. But Jesus, is it the most essential thing there is? Most people aren't talented. So what are they supposed to do - kill themselves?

~Meg Wolitzer

But clearly life took people and shook them around until finally they were unrecognizable even to those who had once known them well. Still, there was power in once having known someone.

~Meg Wolitzer

But now the world, he thought, had taken them. He knew that this could suddenly happen. One day you just woke up, and there was somewhere that you needed to be.

~Meg Wolitzer

It seemed that everywhere you went, people quickly adapted to the way they had to live, and called it Life.

~Meg Wolitzer

We do seem, as a culture, to fetishize the "sweep." But I know there's room for "big" short, fierce novels, and "big" solid ones.

~Meg Wolitzer

I've been waiting for someone to sign the permission slip for me to write about sex. In the meantime, I've written about sex in all my books anyway.

~Meg Wolitzer

We are all here, on this earth for only one go around. And everyone thinks their purpose is to just find their passion. But perhaps our purpose is to find what other people need.

~Meg Wolitzer

Twitter," said Manny, waving his hand. "You know what that is? Termites with microphones.

~Meg Wolitzer

Just the act of sleeping beside someone you liked to be with. Maybe that was love.

~Meg Wolitzer

The generation that had information, but no context. Butter, but no bread. Craving, but no longing.

~Meg Wolitzer

This post-college world felt different from everything that had come before it.

~Meg Wolitzer

Everybody has a theme. You talk to somebody awhile, and you realize they have one particular thing that rules them. The best you can do is a variation on the theme, but that's about it.

~Meg Wolitzer

People could not get enough of what they had lost, even if they no longer wanted it.

~Meg Wolitzer

The only option for a creative person was constant motionâ€”a lifetime of busy whirligigging in a generally forward direction, until you couldn't do it any longer.

~Meg Wolitzer

I have never been much of a researcher

~Meg Wolitzer

People like to warn you that by the time you reach the middle of your life, passion will begin to feel like a meal eaten long ago, which you remember with great tenderness.

~Meg Wolitzer

Even if you yourself were unhappy and anxious, whenever you glimpsed happiness in your child, you suddenly became happy too.

~Meg Wolitzer

But it had no doubt sprung from true emotion, for all that parents ever wanted, really, was for you to love their child the way they did.

~Meg Wolitzer

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