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People forget that old women were young once, but d'you think we old women forget? In my heart, I'm still thirty.

~Megan Chance

Calling it lunacy makes it easier to explain away the things we don't understand.

~Megan Chance

You learned to run from what you feel, and that's why you have nightmares. To deny is to invite madness. To accept is to control.

~Megan Chance

Sight is one of the most easily deceived senses. I could make a coin disappear and your eyes would believe it gone, even if it were merely up my sleeve.

~Megan Chance

Coming up with the idea is the worst part of writing for me.

~Megan Chance

In the end, there's only one thing you can believe. Bodies are honest; they don't lie.

~Megan Chance

The only truth was whatever you could make someone believe.

~Megan Chance

Impatient men are generous ones. Or haven't you learned that by now?

~Megan Chance

The answers are what they are. Just because you don't like them doesn't mean they aren't true.

~Megan Chance

Trying to justify a world we don't hold all the answers to is what bedevils the best of us. Sometimes it's better just to accept that things are as we see them.

~Megan Chance

It felt like an oversight to me, something that needed to be corrected. They [women who hid Jewish children] deserved to be understood and remembered.

~Megan Chance

The woman who led [downed airmen] was named Andrée De Jongh and her story - one of heroism and peril and astounding courage - became the inspiration for my novel.

~Megan Chance

I absolute adore epic journeys that require a protagonist to fight for every victory in the hopes of finding triumph.

~Megan Chance

My next guest [ for party with five favorite fictional characters] would be Scarlett from Gone With The Wind. I mean, come on, I have to know if she ever got Rhett back.

~Megan Chance

I read a ton of fiction - historical, contemporary, literary, commercial, I love it all.

~Megan Chance

I think The Nightingale is my best, most mature, most moving novel, but maybe that's just because I love these characters. I love the setting.

~Megan Chance

I love the idea of ordinary women making extraordinary sacrifices.

~Megan Chance

I love women being the heroes of the piece. There is just something so dramatic and important about this story [The Nightingale].

~Megan Chance

The women of the French Resistance astounded me. Isabelle and Vianne [from The Nightingale] are my homage to those brave and forgotten women.

~Megan Chance

Historical tends to be my bailiwick.

~Megan Chance

With The Nightingale, I had been kicking the idea around for years. I was frightened to write it because on the surface it seems so different for me.

~Megan Chance

Sometimes a story grabs hold of you and won't let go.

~Megan Chance

I simply couldn't walk away from [ The Nightingale].

~Megan Chance

To be honest, I wrote so many drafts of this book [The Nightingale] and changed the characters so many times; the real surprise is that I finished the book at all.

~Megan Chance

I am one of those authors who believes (perhaps foolishly) that she is in complete control of the story.

~Megan Chance

I know that sounds ineffective and daunting, but it [throw hundreds of pages away] is actually my favorite part of the writing process.

~Megan Chance

I love what I call "re-imagining," where I throw everything up in the air and let it fall in a different way. It's not the most efficient way to write a book, but it's how I find the story.

~Megan Chance

I have to admit that WWII France was not at all on my radar for Kristin Hannah.

~Megan Chance

All life's a risk, that's what makes it interesting.

~Megan Chance

Logic only tells us what's there; it can't really address what isn't. Even the most devoted empiricist must admit that we have no hope of understanding the universe. Some things are unknowable.

~Megan Chance

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