

Melina Marchetta

Quotes

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What's the difference between a trip and a journey?" "Narnie, my love, when we get there, you'll understand.

~Melina Marchetta

What do you want from me?" he asks. What I want from every person in my life, I want to tell him. More.

~Melina Marchetta

Hold my hand because I might disappear.

~Melina Marchetta

But grief makes a monster out of us sometimes . . . and sometimes you say and do things to the people you love that you can't forgive yourself for.

~Melina Marchetta

No," I say, looking up at Griggs. "It's actually because my heart belongs to someone else." And if I could bottle the look on his face, I'd keep it by my bedside for the rest of my life.

~Melina Marchetta

Do you think people have noticed that I'm around?" "I notice when you're not. Does that count?"

~Melina Marchetta

The truth doesn't set you free, you know. It makes you feel awkward and embarrassed and defenseless and red in the face and horrified and petrified and vulnerable.

~Melina Marchetta

I think if I'm ever asked to recall what Year 12 was all about, I'll remember it as one big cappuccino experience.

~Melina Marchetta

It's like you have a plan and someone comes along and makes you want to change it all, but you still like your first plan, no matter how fantastic the second one makes you feel.

~Melina Marchetta

Maybe memories should be left the way they are.

~Melina Marchetta

Do something that scares you everyday.

~Melina Marchetta

It's funny how you can forget everything except people loving you. Maybe that's why humans find it so hard getting over love affairs. It's not the pain they're getting over, it's the love.

~Melina Marchetta

You go shake your foundations, Will. I think it's about time I saved myself.

~Melina Marchetta

And life goes on, which seems kind of strange and cruel when you're watching someone die.

~Melina Marchetta

My father took one hundred and thirty-two minutes to die.

~Melina Marchetta

He nods. "My mum has one just the same and you have no idea how disturbing it is that it's turning me on.

~Melina Marchetta

What are you so sad about? We're going to know him for the rest of our lives.

~Melina Marchetta

Because being part of him isn't just anything. It's kind of everything.

~Melina Marchetta

I live on the Jellicoe Road. Where trees make canopies over-head and where you can sit at the top of them and see forever.

~Melina Marchetta

Left alone with the dial tone...excuse me, operator, why is no one listening?

~Melina Marchetta

You're going to set us all on fire, you homicidal feral fruitcake.

~Melina Marchetta

Somehow, even in the worst of times, the tiniest fragments of good survive. It was the grip in which one held those fragments that counted.

~Melina Marchetta

"I'm scared to die," I whispered as Michael walked in. "He was scared to live," he said kissing my forehead.

~Melina Marchetta

Comfort zones are overrated. They make you lazy.

~Melina Marchetta

When one is silent, those around speak even more.

~Melina Marchetta

Our spirit is mightier than the filth of our memories.

~Melina Marchetta

He bursts out laughing. It's short, as if he regretted allowing me to make him laugh, but the satisfaction's already mine.

~Melina Marchetta

Promise me you'll never stop dreaming.

~Melina Marchetta

If you weren't driving, I'd kiss you senseless," I tell him. He swerves to the side of the road and stops the car abruptly. "Not driving any more.

~Melina Marchetta

How can you just forget a person completely until the moment you see his face again?

~Melina Marchetta

You just have to belong. Long to be.

~Melina Marchetta

'Do you love me?' he asked instead. "Because if you don't, I'd wait until you did. I'd wait weeks and months and years.

~Melina Marchetta

Imagine who she would be if we unleashed her onto the world. I think she would rip the breath from all of us.

~Melina Marchetta

She gently placed his hand against the beating pulse of her heart. Always, always it beat out of control, and he held his hand to it until he felt it perfectly match his.

~Melina Marchetta

I didn't realize until those few days how much a hug meant. To have someone hold you could be the greatest medicine of all.

~Melina Marchetta

I need voices of reason and of hysteria and of empathy. I need to have an Alanis moment. I need advice from Elizabeth Bennett. I need Tim Tams and comfort food.

~Melina Marchetta

City people. They may know how to street fight but they don't know how to wade through manure.

~Melina Marchetta

I'm sorry," he says, "for that time I kissed you at that party and for that time at the wedding and more than anything for the thousand times that I wanted to and didn't have the guts to.

~Melina Marchetta

Be prepared for the worst, my love, for it lives next door to the best.

~Melina Marchetta

You're going to have to learn to ride a horse on your own, Phaedra', he said. 'It will make the journey faster.' 'The mule and I have an agreement.' 'The mule and you have similar traits.

~Melina Marchetta

Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered and every secret will be made known.

~Melina Marchetta

...the greatest weapon against big stupid men was a sharp mind.

~Melina Marchetta

The idea that God works in mysterious ways is rubbish. There's nothing mysterious about his ways. They're premeditated and slightly conniving, and they place you in an impossible situation.

~Melina Marchetta

Are you an idiot, or an idiot?' Gargarin hissed. 'The first one. I really resent being called the second.

~Melina Marchetta

A home to come back to every day of their lives. Where they would all belong or long to be. A place on the Jellicoe Road.

~Melina Marchetta

I hope you're not smoking in front of her,' Lucia says to him. 'Yeah, I lie in bed and puff in her face, Lucia,' he says, irritated.

~Melina Marchetta

Quintana of Charyn's body was a map of hatred.

~Melina Marchetta

I just want it to go back to the way it was." "It'll never go back to the way it was, Frankie. But you have to make sure it goes forward.

~Melina Marchetta

A very underestimated part of the world, The Entrance is.

~Melina Marchetta

When I grow, I'm going to be my mother.

~Melina Marchetta

Oh God, Frankie, I breathe in rhythm with that man. You think that's not my flesh and blood after all these years?

~Melina Marchetta

Maybe she'd always been there. Maybe strangers enter your heart first and then you spent the rest of your life searching for them.

~Melina Marchetta

The two horsewomen of the apocalypse still win, despite their dwindling numbers.

~Melina Marchetta

People with lost personalities will suffer a great deal more than those

with lost virginities.

~Melina Marchetta

Girls under the age of fourteen are the most frightening creatures I have ever come across. - Jonah Griggs

~Melina Marchetta

It's too late. Seventeen-year-olds don't need fathers. Oh god. I'm thirty-four years old and I need a father. I can't even begin to think what my daughter needs.

~Melina Marchetta

How unladylike of you to mention such a thing.

~Melina Marchetta

he knew that a part of his life was complete and that whatever path he chose, he would experience the ache of unfulfilled dreams.

~Melina Marchetta

I've been passionate about two things in my life. One was Christina Alibrandi. The other is Josephine Alibrandi.

~Melina Marchetta

The gods do make playthings of us ... but it is we mortals who provide them with the tools.

~Melina Marchetta

But grieving people are selfish. They won't let you comfort them and they say you don't understand and they make you feel useless when all your life you've been functional to them.

~Melina Marchetta

She knows that feeling too. Of believing that each time someone says her name, it's to tell her that something bad has happened.

~Melina Marchetta

I love it when you're demented like this.

~Melina Marchetta

Tom always did anger well. Hid it well, but showed it even better

~Melina Marchetta

Love's easy. It kind of comes with the territory. But liking is another story.

~Melina Marchetta

And we all end up where we started

~Melina Marchetta

Everything's going to be fine. She'll be back at work soon. Let's just keep the house clean." Oh yeah, I want to say, because a clean house will result in peace in the Middle East as well.

~Melina Marchetta

I never thought meeting you would be this boring. I thought we'd put our Italian emotion into gear and scream the place down. I never expected indifference.

~Melina Marchetta

Sometimes... sometimes keeping alive is too tiring," she whispered, wringing her hands. Before he knew what he was doing, he pressed his lips against her brow. "Don't ever say that. Ever.

~Melina Marchetta

I think you'll just have to wait for that Loser of the Month tiara a little while longer while I wear it, with pride, around my neighborhood.

~Melina Marchetta

Fifteen minutes later I was an expert. That's all you need. I think I was even getting the upper hand, which is very simple with a guy. Anything seems to turn them on.

~Melina Marchetta

I'm scared I'm going to spend the rest of my life in a state of yearning, regardless of where I am.

~Melina Marchetta

You're good enough, Jacob.

~Melina Marchetta

Your problems are out there. But they're small. They only grow out of proportion when they climb inside your head.

~Melina Marchetta

Teresa, Teresa. Have we taught you nothing?" Raffy says in an irritated voice. "It's war. You go in and you hunt him down until he realises that he's made a mistake.

~Melina Marchetta

Great to know that I'm in love with a girl with a cool name." "It's Taylor's middle name.

~Melina Marchetta

Sit back and get some sleep. Oh great. So if we have an accident and I'm asleep my resistance toward fighting death will be down and I'll wake up in a morgue.

~Melina Marchetta

Living is the challenge. Not dying. Dying is so easy. Sometimes it only takes ten seconds to die. But living? That can take you eighty years and you do something in that time.

~Melina Marchetta

Don't let anyone take care of you. Can you maybe leave that for me to do? I mean, take care of you? Feel free to take care of me in return... because I think I'll need you to do that.

~Melina Marchetta

He knows bad days. Bad days take him completely by surprise. They make him not trust the good days because it's likely something is lurking twenty-four hours away.

~Melina Marchetta

She was the most beautiful woman in the world. If she was alive I'd probably be a better person.

~Melina Marchetta

I'm beginning to realize that things don't turn out the way you want them to. And sometimes, when they don't they can turn out just a little bit better.

~Melina Marchetta

Because photos are testimony that someone did live. A reminder of past we may have loved or hated. A piece of our lives.

~Melina Marchetta

You can't think for other people. Nor can you feel for them or be them. They have to do that for themselves.

~Melina Marchetta

To have someone hold you could be the greatest medicine of all.

~Melina Marchetta

So why would I want someone to be my everything when one day they might not be around?" Jellicoe Road

~Melina Marchetta

He came third in the state for woodwork," Francesca explains.
"We actually had to be proud of him for a whole week. Tough times.

~Melina Marchetta

Do you want to know something about tyrants? When faced with death, they weep and they beg just like the rest of us.

~Melina Marchetta

Froi saw the foolishness of dreamers, and he decided he'd like to die so foolish. With a dream in his heart about the possibilities, rather than a chain of hopelessness.

~Melina Marchetta

He took a deep breath and closed his eyes. "Okay, would you like pizza?" "I don't think you deserve my company but I feel sorry for you so I'll say yes." "God help me," he said, half under his breath.

~Melina Marchetta

Trevanion wrapped his arm around his son's neck like shepherd's hook and dragged him along playfully. when he let go, Finnikin thought he would have liked his father to hold on a moment longer.

~Melina Marchetta

No chance. It'd be like cutting off our hands." "Then learn to live without your hands." "No, because then we won't be able to do this," Ben says, giving him the finger [...]

~Melina Marchetta

We don't even love each other. I do a bit, you know. You do what a bit? You know. Like you...whatever...love you a bit. I think I kind of love you too.

~Melina Marchetta

But you pashed Jonah Griggs and he's the leader of the enemy.

~Melina Marchetta

If I want more, I need to go and get it, demand it, take hold of it with all my might, and do the best I can with it.

~Melina Marchetta

See, I remember love. That's what people don't understand.

~Melina Marchetta

Never underestimate the value of knowing another's language. It can be far more powerful than swords and arrows.

~Melina Marchetta

It's called peaceful coexistence, Santangelo. You should try it and if it works we may sell the idea to the Israelis and Palestinians

~Melina Marchetta

There are worse things than a lie and there are better things than the truth!

~Melina Marchetta

Everything is evil that humans can't control or conquer

~Melina Marchetta

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