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I guess love is the real suspension of disbelief.

~Melissa Bank

It's perfectly natural to doubt your judgment about doubting your judgment.

~Melissa Bank

It scares me. But then I get this big feeling, simple but exalted: He's like me, just with different details.

~Melissa Bank

Everywhere you go, you see women more beautiful than yourself. You imagine him being attracted to them. You're drinking gasoline to stay warm.

~Melissa Bank

Basically, all anyone has to do is ask me for fun details or tell me to be creative, and my mind turns to mud. I am instantly the most boring person you've ever met.

~Melissa Bank

Sometimes you're loved because of your weaknesses. What you can't do is sometimes more compelling than what you can.

~Melissa Bank

You sense that he's dangerous but don't now why - and wonder if it's because he makes you feel safer than you've ever felt.

~Melissa Bank

He said, "People wait their whole lives for the kind of happiness we have.

~Melissa Bank

Olive Kitteridge' is a masterpiece: The writing is so perfect you don't

even notice it; the story is so vivid it's less like reading a story than experiencing it firsthand.

~Melissa Bank

He tells me that the best man I will ever find will be attracted to other women. I hear this as another fact I am too old not to know. More proof of how unprepared I am to love anyone.

~Melissa Bank

Time. There seems to be vast quantities of the stuff spooling around me in all directions, everywhere i look. Days and hours. Weeks and minutes. Years. The hard part, ive discovered, is filling it.

~Melissa Bank

It might sound ordinary for a woman to find out her husband's cheating on her, but not if you're the woman and it's your husband.

~Melissa Bank

I don't have any real goals except to follow one good sentence with another... I'm not the kind of writer who has a map.

~Melissa Bank

I live by Edith Whartons rule to get rid of anything neither useful nor beautiful. So I put the TV out on the street.

~Melissa Bank

I feel in some ways I've had a difficult life. And it makes me the kind of writer I am, in what I value, what I respect, what I hold dear.

~Melissa Bank

The only relationships I haven't wrecked right away were the ones that wrecked me later.

~Melissa Bank

She seems sort of lost.' I thought, Lost how? How am I lost? Suddenly I felt lost.

~Melissa Bank

We are all children until our fathers die.

~Melissa Bank

I hate weddings,' she says. 'They make me feel so unmarried. Actually, even brushing my teeth makes me feel unmarried.

~Melissa Bank

He tried to smile, but it was just a shape his mouth made.

~Melissa Bank

It scares me how fast I go from disliking to loving him, and I wonder if it's this way for everyone.

~Melissa Bank

You have to shrink yourself to fit into this little life with him.

~Melissa Bank

Before college, I hadn't voluntarily read anything that might be called literature; I didn't think I'd understand it; I never seemed to understand my English teacher's interpretations of what we read.

~Melissa Bank

Whenever people say they didn't like the main character of a book, they mean they didn't like the book. The main character has to be a friend? I don't get that.

~Melissa Bank

Nice,' I say, realizing only afterward that I've mimicked her, a bad habit of mine; I'm like one of those animals that imitates its predators to survive.

~Melissa Bank

Finally, I asked how you got a boy to like you back. She said, 'Just be yourself,' as though I had any idea who that might be.

~Melissa Bank

She said that her father's death had been the hardest thing in her life. "We are all children until our fathers die.

~Melissa Bank

You can feel that he wants to own you - not like an object but like a good dream he wants to keep having. He lets you know that you already own him.

~Melissa Bank

You don't need a reason to forgive... If you want to go on with someone, that is what you do.

~Melissa Bank

I felt I couldn't lose anything else, but just then I realized I already had: I'd lost the hope that I would ever be loved in just that way again.

~Melissa Bank

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