

Mem Fox Quotes

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When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate.

~Mem Fox

The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book, and the person reading.

~Mem Fox

The fastest way to teach a child to read is to teach them to write.

~Mem Fox

If you are not a writer, you will not understand the difficulties of writing. If you are not a writer, you will not know the fears and hopes of the writers you teach.

~Mem Fox

Books don't harm kids; they arm them.

~Mem Fox

You're not lonely when you're teaching, you're not quiet, you're laughing most of the time, you're having a wonderful time interacting with young people. It's the best fun in the world.

~Mem Fox

I realized with grief that purposeless activities in language arts are probably the burial grounds of language development and that coffins can be found in most classrooms, including mine.

~Mem Fox

Babies have much higher levels of stress in childcare.

~Mem Fox

As everyone knows, nothing is sweeter than tiny baby fingers and chubby baby toes.

~Mem Fox

I don't go to church much anymore, but Methodist values still wind me up and send me ticking into my daily life.

~Mem Fox

Writing a picture book is like writing 'War and Peace' in Haiku.

~Mem Fox

I don't know why some people have children at all if they know that they can only take a few weeks off work.

~Mem Fox

I was the most Australian child ever in the world, even though my home was in Africa.

~Mem Fox

Putting babies as young as two weeks into child care for the first year of their life, for 60 hours a week, will cause their brains damage.

~Mem Fox

I think that my favourite animal is a baby possum, or a joey. The face of a really little joey is so divine - so, so gorgeous.

~Mem Fox

DO NOT attempt to bring up other people's children through your text.

~Mem Fox

I think sometimes we rush through countries, ticking off the attractions, but that's missing the point.

~Mem Fox

I have very little patience with children.

~Mem Fox

My Mother was a very wild Australian woman. When we were in Africa she could kill a snake with one blow from a crow bar, which she kept at the back door.

~Mem Fox

My mother was a very difficult woman to please. She was the sort of woman who thought that if I were praised I would get above myself.

~Mem Fox

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