

Mignon McLaughlin

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A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

~Mignon McLaughlin

It's the most unhappy people who most fear change.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Desire is in men a hunger, in women only an appetite.

~Mignon McLaughlin

A hypochondriac is one who has a pill for everything except what ails him.

~Mignon McLaughlin

It's innocence when it charms us, ignorance when it doesn't.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The head never rules the heart, but just becomes its partner in crime.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We lavish on animals the love we are afraid to show to people. They might not return it; or worse, they might.

~Mignon McLaughlin

In the arithmetic of love, one plus one equals everything, and two minus one equals nothing.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We choose those we like; with those we love, we have no say in the matter.

~Mignon McLaughlin

They threaten me with lung cancer, and still I smoke and smoke. If they'd only threaten me with hard work, I might stop.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Pity all newlyweds. She cooks something nice for him, and he brings her flowers, and they kiss and think: How easy marriage is.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Learning too soon our limitations, we never learn our powers.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We waste a lot of time running after people we could have caught by just standing still.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The hardest-learned lesson: that people have only their kind of love to give, not our kind.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Even cowards can endure hardship; only the brave can endure suspense.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We are all such a waste of our potential, like three-way lamps using one-way bulbs.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Men feel that women somehow drag them down, and women feel that way about men. It's possible that both are right.

~Mignon McLaughlin

A first-rate marriage is like a first-rate hotel: expensive, but worth it.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Nymphomaniac: a woman as obsessed with sex as an average man.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Nostalgia for what we have lost is more bearable than nostalgia for what we have never had, for the first involves knowledge and pleasure, the second only ignorance and pain.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Hate leaves ugly scars, love leaves beautiful ones.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Many beautiful women have been made happy by their own beauty, but no intelligent woman has ever been made happy by her own intelligence.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Vanity, revenge, loneliness, boredom, all apply: lust is one of the least of the reasons for promiscuity.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Every group feels strong once it has found a scapegoat.

~Mignon McLaughlin

For the happiest life, days should be rigorously planned, nights left open to chance.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Love unlocks doors and opens windows that weren't even there before.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We are all born brave, trusting and greedy, and most of us remain greedy.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Albert Einstein when asked what he considered to be the most powerful force in the universe answered: Compound interest!

~Mignon McLaughlin

What you have become is the price you paid to get what you used to want.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Love is often gentle, desire always a rage.

~Mignon McLaughlin

I wish I'd said it first, and I don't even know who did: The only problems that money can solve are money problems.

~Mignon McLaughlin

If your children spend most of their time in other people's houses, you're lucky; if they all congregate at your house, you're blessed.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Most sermons sound to me like commercials - but I can't make out whether God is the Sponsor or the Product.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The plague of government is senile delinquency.

~Mignon McLaughlin

No good neurotic finds it difficult to be both opinionated and indecisive.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Mumps, measles, and puppy love are terrible after twenty.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Goods are displayed by thousands of shopkeepers with a sense of beauty that finds no other outlet.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Once you become self-conscious, there is no end to it; once you start to doubt, there is no room for anything else.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The young are generally full of revolt, and are often pretty revolting about it.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Neurotics would like to sleep all the time, and to be awakened only when there is good news.

~Mignon McLaughlin

If the second marriage really succeeds, the first one didn't really fail.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Desire creates havoc when it is the only thing between two people, or when it is what's missing.

~Mignon McLaughlin

You will turn over many a futile new leaf till you learn we must all write on scratched-out pages.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Don't be yourself - be someone a little nicer.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Boredom is often the cause of promiscuity, and always its result.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The ideal home: big enough for you to hear the children, but not very well.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Whatever we worship, short of God, is sure to be our undoing.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Some women love only what they can hold in their arms; others, only what they can't.

~Mignon McLaughlin

What a shame that allowances have to stop with the teens: both those that are paid to us and those that are made for us.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Hope is the feeling we have that the feeling we have is not permanent.

~Mignon McLaughlin

With each passing year, one has less to say, and knows better how to say it.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Society honors its living conformists and its dead troublemakers.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Women usually love what they buy, yet hate two-thirds of what is in their closets.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We'd all like a reputation for generosity, and we'd all like to buy it cheap.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The total history of almost anyone would shock almost everyone.

~Mignon McLaughlin

When "Why not do it?" barely outweighs "Why do it?" â€” don't do it.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Love looks forward, hate looks back, anxiety has eyes all over its head.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Courage can't see around corners but goes around them anyway.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The three horrors of modern life - talk without meaning, desire without love, work without satisfaction.

~Mignon McLaughlin

It is important to our friends to believe that we are unreservedly frank with them, and important to friendship that we are not.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Men enjoy being thought of as hunters, but are generally too lazy to hunt. Women, on the other hand, love to hunt, but would rather nobody knew it.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Self-confidence grows on trees, in other people's orchards.

~Mignon McLaughlin

'Pull yourself together' is seldom said to anyone who can.

~Mignon McLaughlin

There are so many things that we wish we had done yesterday, so few that we feel like doing today.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Character is what emerges from all the little things you were too busy to do yesterday, but did anyway.

~Mignon McLaughlin

In any family, measles are less contagious than bad habits.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Anything you lose automatically doubles in value.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Life marks us all down, so it's just as well that we start out by overpricing ourselves.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We welcome passion, for the mind is briefly let off duty.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Our strength is often composed of the weakness that we're damned if we're going to show.

~Mignon McLaughlin

No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We have to call it "freedom": who'd want to die for "a lesser tyranny"

~Mignon McLaughlin

God doesn't measure His bounty, but oh how we do!

~Mignon McLaughlin

Good food, good sex, good digestion, good sleep: to these basic animal pleasures, man has added nothing but the good cigarette.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We can never understand other people's motives, nor their furniture.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The way the neurotic sees it: bars on his door mean that he's locked in;

bars on your door mean that he's locked out.

~Mignon McLaughlin

If there is something you must do and you cannot do it, you cannot do anything else.

~Mignon McLaughlin

There's nothing wrong with most men's egos that the kowtowing of a headwaiter can't cure.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Few novels or plays could exist without at least one troublemaker in the group, and perhaps life couldn't either.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The death of someone we know always reminds us that we are still alive - perhaps for some purpose which we ought to re-examine.

~Mignon McLaughlin

There are three iron links in the neurotic's chain: unloving, unlovable, unloved.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The past is rich in lessons from which we would greatly profit except that the present is always so full of Special Circumstances.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We often pray to be better, when in truth we only want to feel better.

~Mignon McLaughlin

If you made a list of reasons why any couple got married, and another list of the reasons for their divorce, you'd have a hell of a lot of overlapping.

~Mignon McLaughlin

There is always some specific moment when we become aware that our youth is gone; but, years after, we know it was much later.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Men prefer brief praise, pitched high; women are satisfied with praise in a lower key, just so it goes on and on.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Spite is never lonely; envy always tags along.

~Mignon McLaughlin

True remorse is never just a regret over consequences; it is a regret over motive.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The only courage that matters is the kind that gets you from one moment to the next.

~Mignon McLaughlin

My doctor is nice; every time I see him, I'm ashamed of what I think of doctors in general.

~Mignon McLaughlin

What you can't get out of, get into wholeheartedly.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We all become great explorers during our first few days in a new city, or a new love affair.

~Mignon McLaughlin

A woman asks little of love: only that she be able to feel like a heroine.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Many of us go through life feeling as an actor might feel who does not

like his part and does not believe in the play.

~Mignon McLaughlin

What's for dinner is the only question many husbands ask their wives, and the only one to which they care about the answer.

~Mignon McLaughlin

The time to begin most things is ten years ago.

~Mignon McLaughlin

Every day of our lives we are on the verge of making those slight changes that would make all the difference.

~Mignon McLaughlin

To smoke or not to smoke: I can make of either a life-work.

~Mignon McLaughlin

We always prefer war on our own terms to peace on someone else's.

~Mignon McLaughlin

A perfect marriage is one in which "I'm sorry" is said just often enough.

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