

Miranda July Quotes

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But, like ivy, we grow where there is room for us.

~Miranda July

Some people need a red carpet rolled out in front of them in order to walk forward into friendship. They can't see the tiny outstretched hands all around them, everywhere, like leaves on trees.

~Miranda July

That day I carried the dream around like a full glass of water, moving gracefully so I would not lose any of it.

~Miranda July

What a terrible mistake to let go of something wonderful for something real.

~Miranda July

I laughed and said, Life is easy. What I meant was, Life is easy with you here, and when you leave, it will be hard again.

~Miranda July

Don't wait to be sure. Move, move, move.

~Miranda July

We come from long lines of people destined never to meet.

~Miranda July

... we had once called out hello into the cauldron of the world and then run away before anyone could respond.

~Miranda July

Inelegantly, and without my consent, time passed.

~Miranda July

I cried in English, I cried in french, I cried in all the languages, because

tears are the same all around the world.

~Miranda July

I really did not feel okay about any of this, and there was really nothing I could do about any of it.

~Miranda July

Since I started making art, I've always had some kind of project that was really about and for other people, because I think I just need that balance to feel sane myself â€” you know?

~Miranda July

Live the dream, Potato.

~Miranda July

I actually don't have a great surplus of ideas. Some evolve very slowly, over many years, but I sort of trust that all of the interesting ones will become something that I eventually end up doing.

~Miranda July

I eat an egg every morning, and when I'm done, I almost always have the thought: There. Now even if I'm captured and starved, I'll be able to live off the protein of that egg for a while.

~Miranda July

It is terrible to have to ask for anything ever. We wish we were something that needed nothing, like paint. But even paint needs repainting.

~Miranda July

I definitely wanted much more normalness than what was around me.

~Miranda July

That's the artist's job, really: continually setting yourself free, and giving

yourself new options and new ways of thinking about things.

~Miranda July

It would require constant vigilance to not replace each person with my own fictional version of them.

~Miranda July

There's all different kinds of people, but I don't think it's that unusual that once you get like a little power, you get to do your weird thing even more.

~Miranda July

This pain, this dying, this is just normal. This is how life is. In fact, I realize, there never was an earthquake. Life is just this way, broken, and I am crazy for dreaming of something else.

~Miranda July

I gave you things I wasn't sure I even had.

~Miranda July

I realize that we all think we might be terrible people. But we only reveal this before we ask someone to love us. It is a kind of undressing.

~Miranda July

There was nothing in this world that was not a con, suddenly I understood this. Nothing really mattered, and nothing could be lost.

~Miranda July

When I write, I wear earplugs. I don't want to be self-conscious. I don't want to be thinking about the fact that I'm thinking about it. I just want to be in it. It's one element of hypnosis.

~Miranda July

If you want to have a character who falls into crisis, all you have to do is

turn the Internet off, and then we all understand how that feels, when you suddenly just have time and yourself.

~Miranda July

Things usually make sense in time, and even bad decisions have their own kind of correctness.

~Miranda July

I could not make a move without making love.

~Miranda July

Life is just this way, broken, and I am crazy to hope for something else.

~Miranda July

If you were wise enough to know that this life would consist mostly of letting go of things you wanted, then why not get good at the letting go, rather than the trying to have?

~Miranda July

I was going to die and it was taking forever.

~Miranda July

He seemed to be waiting for me to move forward. Weren't we all.

~Miranda July

I'm totally not kidding. Life is too short. This is all too hard to do to actually be kidding about the whole thing.

~Miranda July

We were always getting away with something, which implied that someone was always watching us, which meant that we were not alone in this world.

~Miranda July

I wish there were a class where we could just keep going around the circle. around and around, until we had finally said everything about ourselves.

~Miranda July

All I ever really want to know is how other people are making it through life—where do they put their body, hour by hour, and how do they cope inside of it.

~Miranda July

I steeled myself against laughter; I would rather die than laugh. I didn't laugh, I did not laugh. But I died, I did die.

~Miranda July

It occurred to me that everyone's story matters to themselves, so the more I listened, the more she wanted to talk.

~Miranda July

It was a small thing, but it was a thing, and things have a way of either dying or growing, and it wasn't dying.

~Miranda July

In an ideal world, we would have been orphans. We felt like orphans and we felt deserving of the pity that orphans get, but embarrassingly enough, we had parents.

~Miranda July

Did you ever really love her? Not really no. But me? Yes. Even though I have no pizzazz?

~Miranda July

It was an act of devotion. A little like writing or loving someone — it doesn't always feel worthwhile, but not giving up somehow creates unexpected meaning over time.

~Miranda July

I nodded, pretending I was relaxed. I watched the sunlight sparkling on the water and practiced mind-body integration for a few seconds by quietly hyperventilating.

~Miranda July

When you can see the beauty of a tree, then you will know what love is.

~Miranda July

Making a movie: It's so hard. It's the hardest of all the things I do.

~Miranda July

When I was very little, I probably wanted to be more normal. I probably wanted the Laura Ashley bedroom, and instead I got thrift-store everything.

~Miranda July

I'm not a cinephile. My films don't reference films. I'm more interested in rhythm and feeling.

~Miranda July

Would she understand that time had stopped while she was gone.

~Miranda July

Where do we come from? Do souls really exist? I can't answer these questions, especially not at 6am.

~Miranda July

I looked out the window for other passengers in love with their drivers, but we were well disguised, we pretended boredom and prayed for traffic.

~Miranda July

An erratum is a correction inserted into a book after publication. It's a nice thing to collect because you can't go after them, you just come upon them. In 25 years I've only found about 12.

~Miranda July

The job of the artist is to point at things.

~Miranda July

I went to the bedroom and lay on the floor, so as not to mess up the covers.

~Miranda July

I wondered if i would spend the rest of my life inventing complicated ways to depress myself.

~Miranda July

I knew the beginning and the end - I just had to dream up a convincing middle.

~Miranda July

I had a joint once and I didn't feel right for a whole year

~Miranda July

Well,I have a theory that men don't actually cry less than women,they just do it differently. Since we never saw our fathers cry,we are forced to invent our own unique method.

~Miranda July

I spend a lot of time obsessing about getting a dignified eight hours' sleep.

~Miranda July

Nothing really mattered, and nothing could be lost.

~Miranda July

To do someone else's script? I don't think I'd have a reason.

~Miranda July

I am very sincere. Some people are always kidding, so when you're not, it's going to seem annoying to them.

~Miranda July

The life you live in front of an audience is like an altered state - it's not totally real. I'm always, even in the course of one day, trying to find ways to balance both sides.

~Miranda July

I think because I write so many short stories, it's not that hard to come up with characters that are not me.

~Miranda July

My way into making movies - into making things is general - has been through performing.

~Miranda July

Thus far, everything I've made has come out of my really feeling it, out of the fire of my life.

~Miranda July

I like embracing kind of normal forms but am always trying to approach them as if no one's ever done that before. As if I'm literally the first person to ever write a book.

~Miranda July

I can guarantee you nothing I do is a conscious attempt to inject something in.

~Miranda July

I'm interested in what the virtues of all those things are, especially for

the kind of person who's made their own world that revolves around them, like writers do. It seems especially precious.

~Miranda July

Narrative and characters have always interested me. I never tried to alienate an audience. Of course, gradually, I wanted a bigger and bigger space to draw people in, so it's very organic [growth].

~Miranda July

The thing I am most interested in is power relations - it is so easy in a relationship like that [of an artist and a gallery manager], to imagine that the other person is living a perfect life.

~Miranda July

A more normal, mature way to think about it [my work] would be, Oh, I work on multiple projects at once and they overlap, but the actual psychology of it is a lot more self-abusing.

~Miranda July

I can't imagine being invested in someone else's script.

~Miranda July

She never inquired, but she never recoiled, either. This is a quality that I look for in a person, not recoiling.

~Miranda July

The word God asks a question and then answers it before there is any chance to wonder.

~Miranda July

He pulled away, but his eyes held my eyes like hands.

~Miranda July

We don't really believe in mowing the lawn; we do it only to avoid

unnecessary engagement with the neighbors.

~Miranda July

We really wanted to know all the unknowable things about each other and how we were the same and how we were different, if we even were, maybe nobody is.

~Miranda July

He's stuck at 3:14 a.m. with only the moon to talk to.

~Miranda July

She bludgeoned me with a look of such limitless compassion that I immediately began to cry.

~Miranda July

It was a tiny sound but it woke me up because it was a human sound.

~Miranda July

This person realizes that staying home means blowing off everyone this person has ever known. But the desire to stay in is very strong. This person wants to run a bath and then read in bed.

~Miranda July

My earliest memory is aged three, seeing sunlight on water and feeling it was really magical.

~Miranda July

Maybe that's why people take pictures of themselves, to avoid being described.

~Miranda July

I think it's more interesting if you go all the way with the world you have, and really look at it, and push it to an even more extreme extreme.

~Miranda July

I don't think I'm more of a screenwriter than I am a fiction writer. I'm more of a reader than a film-watcher, so I imagine that I'm not approaching fiction or films in a particularly cinematic way.

~Miranda July

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