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Is it wrong to trust in a beautiful lie if it helps you get through life? ~Miriam Toews

I learned another thing, which is that just because someone is eating the ashes of your protagonist doesn't mean you stop telling the story.

~Miriam Toews

There are no windows within the dark house of depression through which to see others, only mirrors.

~Miriam Toews

Conversing with children is a fine art.... An art form that demands large amounts of both honesty and misdirection. Or maybe discretion is a better word.

~Miriam Toews

Her faith in a loving and forgiving God is strong, but she worships laughter.

~Miriam Toews

It was the first time that we had sort of articulated our major problem. She wanted to die and I wanted her to live and we were enemies who loved each other.

~Miriam Toews

It's hard to grieve in a town where everything that happens is God's will. It's hard to know what to do with your emptiness when you're not supposed to have emptiness.

~Miriam Toews

It's raining questions around here. A person could drown in them.

~Miriam Toews

But love, like a mushroom high compared with the buzz from cheap

weed, outlasts grief.

~Miriam Toews

I love road trips. You get into this Zen rhythm; throw sense of time out the window.

~Miriam Toews

A few weeks ago my uncle came over to borrow my dad's socket set and when he asked my dad how he was my dad said oh unexceptional. Living quietly with my disappointments. And how are you

~Miriam Toews

But whatever, we descendants of the Girl Line may not have wealth and proper windows in our drafty homes but at least we have rage and we will build empires with that, gentlemen.

~Miriam Toews

Perhaps depression is caused by asking oneself too many unanswerable questions.

~Miriam Toews

She was becoming sad. There is no joy involved in following others' expectations of yourself

~Miriam Toews

I wondered if it was possible to donate my body to science before I was actually dead. I wondered if a disease were to be named after me what the symptoms would be.

~Miriam Toews

If, along the way, something is gained, then something will also be lost. ~Miriam Toews

...and I put on "All My Love" and watched the sun rise yet again and

thought thank you Robert Plant for all your love but do you have anymore?

~Miriam Toews

Life being what it is, one dreams not of revenge. One just dreams.

~Miriam Toews

If you have to end up in the hospital, try to focus all your pain in your heart rather than your head.

~Miriam Toews

David Bergen is a master of taut, spare prose that's both erotic and hypnotic. . . .

~Miriam Toews

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