

Monica Ali

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The thing about getting older is that you don't need everything to be possible any more, you just need things to be certain.

~Monica Ali

If the culture is so all pervasive that you can't think outside of it, how are you making genuine choices?

~Monica Ali

A new car is not going to change your life.

~Monica Ali

I'm very eclectic in my music tastes - anything from Nina Simone to Beethoven to Talvin Singh.

~Monica Ali

You know how if you're born in a certain situation you always expect your life to run on a steady trajectory? I've never really had a sense of that. I assume that life is going to go up and down.

~Monica Ali

I was always an outsider, always standing outside, observing and trying to figure things out. Which is exactly what you need to do as a writer, I suppose.

~Monica Ali

I wish I got a lie-in on Saturday mornings but I never do.

~Monica Ali

I started writing 'Brick Lane' when my children were two years and five months old. We were on holiday in the north of England when I was overtaken by a compulsion to start writing.

~Monica Ali

I don't want to get hung up on what 'people,' that nebulous mass, think

about me. That's the way to unhappiness, I think.

~Monica Ali

I always try to create conflict and drama in my books; it's the engine of the novel.

~Monica Ali

People always want to identify a writer with their protagonist.

~Monica Ali

I rarely get a moment to myself, but I love the way that my agenda is dictated by the children, not my work.

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