

# Nancy Mairs Quotes

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Who one believes God to be is most accurately revealed not in any credo but in the way one speaks to God when no one else is listening.

~Nancy Mairs

physical disability looms pretty large in one's life. But it doesn't devour one wholly. I'm not, for instance, Ms. MS, a walking, talking embodiment of a chronic incurable degenerative disease.

~Nancy Mairs

My writing arises out of erotic impulse toward an other: it is an act of love. And I want terribly to be loved in return, as a sign that I have loved well enough.

~Nancy Mairs

Poor and afflicted and oppressed people have faces, and we are required to look squarely into them. We can't love what we won't experience.

~Nancy Mairs

If the very thought of taking off all your clothes in the middle of the Washington Mall during a school holiday makes you blush, you haven't even begun to dream what it feels like to publish a book.

~Nancy Mairs

I will write myself into well-being.

~Nancy Mairs

God enters the world through those of us who are willing to let God participate fully in our lives.

~Nancy Mairs

The fact is that ours is the only minority you can join involuntarily, without warning, at any time. And if you live long enough, as you're increasingly likely to do, you may well join it.

~Nancy Mairs

From the moment of birth, at every level, human beings who are more alike than different become polarized into two absolutely exclusive classes with very different and ill-distributed symbolic powers.

~Nancy Mairs

Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead, doubtless two of the most exquisitely adolescent of fictions.

~Nancy Mairs

That's the trouble with honorable mentions: they let everyone know you applied and didn't win.

~Nancy Mairs

If only we could have them back as babies today, now that we have some idea what to do with them.

~Nancy Mairs

You don't have to want death in order to prepare for it.

~Nancy Mairs

One of the blessings that comes with parental territory is that children tug you into experiences you're pretty sure you'd never otherwise contemplate.

~Nancy Mairs

Writing is not, alas, like riding a bicycle: it does not get easier with practice.

~Nancy Mairs

A line, once crossed, can never be uncrossed.

~Nancy Mairs

our lives are stories we tell ourselves.

~Nancy Mairs

In the grammar of the phallus -- the I, I, I -- [woman] can't utter female experience.

~Nancy Mairs

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