

Nancy Mitford Quotes

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I am sometimes bored by people, but never by life.

~Nancy Mitford

To fall in love you have to be in the state of mind for it to take, like a disease.

~Nancy Mitford

The great advantage of living in a large family is that early lesson of life's essential unfairness.

~Nancy Mitford

An aristocracy in a republic is like a chicken whose head has been cut off: it may run about in a lively way, but in fact it is dead.

~Nancy Mitford

Life itself, she thought, as she went upstairs to dress for dinner, was stranger than dreams and far, far more disordered.

~Nancy Mitford

A typical Irish dinner would be: cream flavored with lobster, cream with bits of veal in it, green peas and cream, cream cheese, cream flavored with strawberries.

~Nancy Mitford

If one can't be happy, one must be amused.

~Nancy Mitford

The English lord marries for love, and is rather inclined to love where money is; he rarely marries in order to improve his coat of arms.

~Nancy Mitford

Surely a King who loves pleasure is less dangerous than one who loves glory?

~Nancy Mitford

People in towns are always preoccupied. 'Have I missed the bus? Have I forgotten the potatoes? Can I get across the road?

~Nancy Mitford

Life is sometimes sad and often dull, but there are currants in the cake, and here is one of them.

~Nancy Mitford

I do love translating; it is the pure pleasure of writing without the misery of inventing.

~Nancy Mitford

oh how television diminishes everything.

~Nancy Mitford

always either on a peak of happiness or drowning in black waters of despair they loved or they loathed, they lived in a world of superlatives

~Nancy Mitford

Sisters are a shield against life's cruel adversity.

~Nancy Mitford

When the loo paper gets thicker and the writing paper thinner, it's always a bad sign, at home.

~Nancy Mitford

I Love children, especially when they cry for then someone takes them away.

~Nancy Mitford

Always be civil to the girls, you never know who they may marry.

~Nancy Mitford

And Left-wing people are always sad because they mind dreadfully

about their causes, and the causes are always going so badly.

~Nancy Mitford

Irish gardens beat all for horror. With 19 gardeners, Lord Talbot of Malahide has produced an affair exactly like a suburban golf course.

~Nancy Mitford

Americans relate all effort, all work, and all of life itself to the dollar. Their talk is of nothing but dollars.

~Nancy Mitford

I have only ever read one book in my life, and that is White Fang. It's so frightfully good I've never bothered to read another.

~Nancy Mitford

Greece is not a country of happy mediums: everything there seems to be either wonderful or horrible.

~Nancy Mitford

Sun, silence, and happiness.

~Nancy Mitford

Nothing about human beings ever had the power to move me as a child. Black Beauty now ... !

~Nancy Mitford

There are worse things than poverty, though I can't for the moment remember what they are.

~Nancy Mitford

English doctors have killed 3/4 of my friends & the joke is the remaining 1/4 go on recommending them, so odd is human nature.

~Nancy Mitford

One thing about tourists is that it is very easy to get away from them. Like ants they follow a trail and a few yards each side of that trail there are none.

~Nancy Mitford

Do you always laugh when you make love?' said Fabrice. I hadn't thought about it, but I suppose I do. I generally laugh when I'm happy and cry when I'm not. Do you find it odd?

~Nancy Mitford

But I think she would have been happy with Fabrice,' I said. 'He was the great love of her life, you know.' Oh, dulling,' said my mother, sadly. 'One always thinks that. Every, every time.

~Nancy Mitford

Chickens are cheerless birds, I advise you to keep geese which can be taught to follow like dogs, one needs all the companionship one can get in these days.

~Nancy Mitford

In France that is the one rule, never make trouble.

~Nancy Mitford

Always remember, children, that marriage is a very intimate relationship. It's not just sitting and chatting to a person; there are other things, you know.

~Nancy Mitford

Children should be like waffles--you should be able to throw the first one away.

~Nancy Mitford

Most people like reading about what they already know - there is even a public for yesterday's weather.

~Nancy Mitford

Oh dear... it really is rather disillusioning. When one's friends marry for money they are wretched, when they marry for love it is worse. What is the proper thing to marry for, I should like to know?

~Nancy Mitford

Always be civil to the girls, you never know who they may marry' is a aphorism which has saved many an English spinster from being treated like an Indian widow.

~Nancy Mitford

Nothing makes people crosser than being considered too old for love.

~Nancy Mitford

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