

P. L. Travers

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The Irish, as a race, have the oral tradition in their blood. A direct question to them is an anathema, but in other cases, a mere syllable of a hero's name will elicit whole chapters of stories.

~P. L. Travers

Don't you know that everybody's got a Fairyland of their own?

~P. L. Travers

A writer is, after all, only half his book. The other half is the reader and from the reader the writer learns.

~P. L. Travers

Child and serpent, star and stone " all one.

~P. L. Travers

More and more I've become convinced that the great treasure to possess is the unknown.

~P. L. Travers

Once we have accepted the story we cannot escape the story's fate.

~P. L. Travers

Tea is balm for the soul, don't you agree?

~P. L. Travers

There are worlds beyond worlds and times beyond times, all of them true, all of them real, and all of them (as children know) penetrating each other.

~P. L. Travers

When I was a child, love to me was what the sea is to a fish: something you swim in while you are going about the important affairs of life.

~P. L. Travers

Trouble trouble and it will trouble you.

~P. L. Travers

What I want to know is this: Are the stars gold paper or is the gold paper stars?

~P. L. Travers

I hate being good. -Mary Poppins

~P. L. Travers

And all the time he was enjoying his badness, hugging it to him as though it were a friend, and not caring a bit.

~P. L. Travers

If you want to find Cherry-Tree Lane all you have to do is ask the Policeman at the cross-roads.

~P. L. Travers

The same substance composes us--the tree overhead, the stone beneath us, the bird, the beast, the star--we are all one, all moving to the same end.

~P. L. Travers

Stories are like birds flying, here and gone in a moment.

~P. L. Travers

I think that Mary Poppins needs a subtle reader, in many respects, to grasp all its implications, and I understand that these cannot be translated in terms of the film.

~P. L. Travers

You can ask me anything you like about my work, but I'll never talk about myself.

~P. L. Travers

I've felt that if I just used initials nobody would know whether I was a man or a woman, a dog or a tiger. I could hide from view, like a bat on the underside of a branch.

~P. L. Travers

I think the idea of Mary Poppins has been blowing in and out of me, like a curtain at a window, all my life.

~P. L. Travers

I was brought up Irish, where there was room for my own private world.

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