

Patricia Reilly Giff

Quotes

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Breathing*

Anyone who has problems, or worries, anyone who laughs and cries, anyone who feels can write. It's only talking on paper... talking about the things that matter to us.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

I loved teaching. It was my world. I only left because I was overwhelmed with three careers - teaching, writing, and my family.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

Revision is the heart of writing. Every page I do is done over seven or eight times.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

To me, family is everything. I want children to realize how important their families are and what a support system a family is.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

Everything in my life affects my writing. There are no separate parts of my life.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

Many times in my life I've been upset about something and said to myself, "Will this matter in two years?" Not even in two months.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

I myself was terrified during the Second World War. The war started when I was six, and I was so sure that we were going to be bombed and killed. My imagination is my biggest plus and my worst minus.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

I have no special talent, you know. I never took a writing course before I began to write.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

Outside of family, writing is essential. To me, it's like breathing.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

I cannot outline. I do not know what the next thing is going to happen in the book until it comes out of my fingers.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

All of my books are based in some way on my personal experiences, or the experiences of members of my family, or the stories kids would tell me in school.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

If you have a friend, things are better than if you didn't have a friend.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

Do you all have a living room floor or a bedroom floor? Then you can write a book.

~Patricia Reilly Giff

When I sit and talk with a person, I'm not always paying attention. I'm looking at the person and saying, 'What is it about his or her life that appeals to me?'

~Patricia Reilly Giff

The reasons kids get into trouble in one way or another is because - Who ever told them they were special?

~Patricia Reilly Giff

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