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I had this odd sibling rivalry with America.

~Patti Davis

You know, if you hang around this earth long enough you really see how things come full circle.

~Patti Davis

It takes strength to make your way through grief, to grab hold of life and let it pull you forward.

~Patti Davis

And as far as false hope, there is no such thing. There is only hope or the absence of hope - nothing else.

~Patti Davis

Life Lesson 3: You can't rush grief. It has its own timetable. All you can do is make sure there are lots of soft places around - beds, pillows, arms, laps.

~Patti Davis

Christopher Reeve understood that everything begins with hope. His vision of walking again, his belief that he would be able to in his lifetime, towered over his broken body.

~Patti Davis

Stories live in your blood and bones, follow the seasons and light candles on the darkest night-every storyteller knows she or he is also a teacher.

~Patti Davis

Alzheimer's disease locks all the doors and exits. There is no reprieve, no escape.

~Patti Davis

[On her father, Ronald Reagan:] How do you argue with someone who states that the people who are sleeping on the grates of the streets of America 'are homeless by choice'?

~Patti Davis

When I was a child, our summer days were spent swimming; chlorine in my hair was like perfume to me.

~Patti Davis

Politics isn't what defines a person, and it shouldn't define a relationship. I made the mistake of letting that intrude on my relationships.

~Patti Davis

I did what most writers do when something happens that's overwhelming, fascinating, moving, all of that. I didn't know what else to do about it except write about it.

~Patti Davis

The memories stayed with him for so long, and stayed vivid. And it didn't matter to me that he'd already repeated that before. I could hear it forever.

~Patti Davis

Just think: people decided one day that a day should be set aside for motherhood and fatherhood. What a great concept that is.

~Patti Davis

There is a point in the grieving process when you can run away from memories or walk straight toward them.

~Patti Davis

That is your legacy on this Earth when you leave this Earth: how many hearts you touched.

~Patti Davis

I think that nothing teaches you more about life than death and dying. ~Patti Davis

Of course, people say maybe there are some self-published books out there that shouldn't be out there. Well, it's the same with conventional publishing.

~Patti Davis

I think we can work through a lot of political and international problems, but what really frightens me is what's happening environmentally.

~Patti Davis

My father's body lies in a stone tomb high on a hill. People walk by, pause, think their own thoughts about him and move on, back to their own lives. I can never move on. He is everywhere.

~Patti Davis

I knew people were independently publishing, and I buy books on Amazon. I began seriously considering it when Amanda Hocking was in the news about her self-publishing success.

~Patti Davis

I have a feeling of reverence about my father being in his 80s - a feeling that I want to whisper, take soft steps, not intrude too much. He's like a stately old cathedral to me now.

~Patti Davis

You have to separate yourself from your parents. You do. In order to find yourself.

~Patti Davis

I'm not the angry, rebellious child that I was. You can remain a child for

a long time. I certainly did. I was a slow learner.

~Patti Davis

I don't think it's an accident who our parents are; I believe we choose them. So maybe I chose my parents in order to effect change.

~Patti Davis

Some people, when they die, leave so much life behind that we wonder how they did it.

~Patti Davis

America had taken my father from me. And over most of the years of his illness, I gradually started feeling this support system from this country who-people grieving along with us.

~Patti Davis

I thought the best thing that I could do would be to clean up my own act, in terms of whatever .. childhood wounds were left.

~Patti Davis

Decades later I would look into my father's eyes and try to reach past the murkiness of Alzheimer's with my words, my apology, hoping that in his heart he heard me and understood.

~Patti Davis

it ultimately doesn't matter which disease gnaws away at the body - it looks the same. The flesh surrenders, grows exhausted, and the eyes ask why.

~Patti Davis

Loss teaches you to figure things out as they come along.

~Patti Davis

The most ethical way to deal with an unethical situation would be to

simply say: 'We did something wrong.' But nobody in a family like mine would ever respond like this.

~Patti Davis

People love the way they're capable of loving-but that's not always how you want them to love or how you think they should love.

~Patti Davis

I'm very comfortable writing in the first person; it dives into the character in a way that's difficult if you're writing in the third person.

~Patti Davis

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