

Rita Mae Brown

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About all you can do in life is be who you are. Some people will love you for you. Most will love you for what you can do for them, and some won't like you at all.

~Rita Mae Brown

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of your three best friends. If they're okay, then it's you.

~Rita Mae Brown

Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts. And never hope more than you work.

~Rita Mae Brown

Normal is the average of deviance.

~Rita Mae Brown

You sell a screenplay like you sell a car. If someone drives it off a cliff, that's it.

~Rita Mae Brown

One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory.

~Rita Mae Brown

Leroy bet me I couldn't find a pot of gold at the end, and I told him that was a stupid bet because the rainbow was enough.

~Rita Mae Brown

I still miss those I loved who are no longer with me but I find I am grateful for having loved them. The gratitude has finally conquered the loss.

~Rita Mae Brown

While the angels, all pallid and wan, Uprising, unveiling, affirm That the

play is the tragedy, "Man", And its hero the Conqueror Worm.

~Rita Mae Brown

Virginia Woolf said that writers must be androgynous. I'll go a step further. You must be bisexual.

~Rita Mae Brown

When I got [my] library card, that was when my life began.

~Rita Mae Brown

I believe you are your work. Don't trade the stuff of your life, time, for nothing more than dollars. That's a rotten bargain.

~Rita Mae Brown

The reward for conformity is that everyone likes you but yourself.

~Rita Mae Brown

Morals are private. Decency is public.

~Rita Mae Brown

Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.

~Rita Mae Brown

Happiness is pretty simple: someone to love, something to do, something to look forward to.

~Rita Mae Brown

Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself.

~Rita Mae Brown

If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

~Rita Mae Brown

Women who love women are Lesbians. Men, because they can only think of women in sexual terms, define Lesbian as sex between women.

~Rita Mae Brown

A deadline is negative inspiration. Still, it's better than no inspiration at all.

~Rita Mae Brown

I believe in a lively disrespect for most forms of authority.

~Rita Mae Brown

A life of reaction is a life of slavery, intellectually and spiritually. One must fight for a life of action, not reaction.

~Rita Mae Brown

Show me a writer, any writer, who hasn't suffered and I'll show you someone who writes in pastels as opposed to primary colors.

~Rita Mae Brown

Sorrow is how we learn to love. Your heart isn't breaking. It hurts because it's getting larger. The larger it gets, the more love it holds.

~Rita Mae Brown

As a woman, I find it very embarrassing to be in a meeting and realize I'm the only one in the room with balls.

~Rita Mae Brown

My lesbianism is an act of Christian charity. All those women out there praying for a man, and I'm giving them my share.

~Rita Mae Brown

Language exerts hidden power, like the moon on the tides.

~Rita Mae Brown

You can't be truly rude until you understand good manners.

~Rita Mae Brown

If the world were a logical place, men would ride side saddle.

~Rita Mae Brown

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Some people live life and others talk about it.

~Rita Mae Brown

The owner of Mojo's was a suicide blonde, dyed by her own hand.

~Rita Mae Brown

So much of life is happenstance. It makes me laugh when I go to a bookstore and see all those titles about controlling your life. You're lucky if you can control your bladder.

~Rita Mae Brown

While cats can be infuriating, little old women in fur coats, they make me laugh. Of course, dogs, horses and my highly social chickens are dear to me, too.

~Rita Mae Brown

Pornography exists for the lonesome, the ugly, the fearful - it's made for the losers.

~Rita Mae Brown

I finally figured out the only reason to be alive is to enjoy it.

~Rita Mae Brown

Humor comes from self-confidence.

~Rita Mae Brown

What's the point of prolonging your life if you don't enjoy it? It's your body. Do whatever you want with it. Better to wear out than rust over.

~Rita Mae Brown

Femininity and masculinity are social constructs. Female and male are biological. We don't have to learn to be men or women but we do have to learn to be ladies and gentlemen.

~Rita Mae Brown

Consider the "new" woman. She's trying to be Pollyanna Borgia, clearly a conflict of interest. She's supposed to be a ruthless winner at work and a bundle of nurturing sweetness at home.

~Rita Mae Brown

Divorce is the one human tragedy that reduces everything to cash.

~Rita Mae Brown

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~Rita Mae Brown

No government has the right to tell its citizens when or whom to love

~Rita Mae Brown

Life is too short to be miserable.

~Rita Mae Brown

Education is a wonderful thing. If you couldn't sign your name you'd have to pay cash.

~Rita Mae Brown

Content without style is propaganda or adolescence. Style without content is decadence.

~Rita Mae Brown

I became a lesbian because of women, because women are beautiful, strong, and compassionate.

~Rita Mae Brown

If you can't raise consciousness, at least raise hell.

~Rita Mae Brown

A peacefulness follows any decision, even the wrong one.

~Rita Mae Brown

Art is moral passion married to entertainment. Moral passion without entertainment is propaganda, and entertainment without moral passion is television.

~Rita Mae Brown

Oppression works in such a way that it holds every person responsible for the acts of any wrongdoer of the oppressed group.

~Rita Mae Brown

Writers will happen in the best of families.

~Rita Mae Brown

People who care for you inevitably become beautiful.

~Rita Mae Brown

I think gay people are like blondes: There're fewer of them but they have more fun.

~Rita Mae Brown

Sport strips away personality, letting the white bone of character shine through. Sport gives players an opportunity to know and test themselves.

~Rita Mae Brown

Every day you're alive and someone loves you is a miracle.

~Rita Mae Brown

He unzipped his pants and his brains fell out.

~Rita Mae Brown

In America the word revolutionary is used to sell pantyhose.

~Rita Mae Brown

Once you know what women are like, men get kind of boring. I'm not trying to put them down, I mean I like them sometimes as people, but sexually they're dull.

~Rita Mae Brown

Loving's pretty easy. It's letting someone love you that's hard.

~Rita Mae Brown

Whenever I doubt the existence of God or the Goddess, I look at horses. Only God could have made a horse.

~Rita Mae Brown

Intuition is a suspension of logic due to impatience.

~Rita Mae Brown

The only people are those who don't love anybody.

~Rita Mae Brown

Familiarity breeds consent.

~Rita Mae Brown

Divorce: fission after fusion.

~Rita Mae Brown

It doesn't matter to me. We're still cousins in our own way. Blood's just

something old people talk about to make you feel bad.

~Rita Mae Brown

The human animal dances wildest on the edge of the grave.

~Rita Mae Brown

...funny how people want a return to the good ole days. Of coarse the good ole days of being a rich white plantation owner. Everyone seems to forget the poor white farmer.

~Rita Mae Brown

Any woman whose I.Q. hovers above her body temperature must be a feminist.

~Rita Mae Brown

All creatures tread across the rubble of ruined civilizations. The trick is to keep moving. No animal ever goes about dispensing shallow compassion.

~Rita Mae Brown

I'm not a person who worries too much about what I've done.

~Rita Mae Brown

Life is unjust, people can be cruel, and yet if you harden your heart, you will lose what little love there is in this world.

~Rita Mae Brown

Computer dating is fine, if you're a computer.

~Rita Mae Brown

One survey found that ten percent of Americans thought Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.

~Rita Mae Brown

In sports, as in love, one can never pretend.

~Rita Mae Brown

Creative people do not belong in the university because the process is antithetical to the analytical process so necessary for proper scholarship.

~Rita Mae Brown

All decisions are made on insufficient evidence.

~Rita Mae Brown

The real reason Milton went blind was to avoid reading unsolicited manuscripts.

~Rita Mae Brown

Aunt Mimi possessed a horror of silence, which she battled with endless chat. The Typhoid Mary of the Telephone started her calls at 6:30 each morning.

~Rita Mae Brown

Anyone of my generation who trusts government probably has an I.Q. that would make a good golf score.

~Rita Mae Brown

I've met many irresponsible people in my life but never an irresponsible cat.

~Rita Mae Brown

I believe that we often disguise pain through ritual and it may be the only solace we have.

~Rita Mae Brown

Love is the wild card of existence.

~Rita Mae Brown

Don't ask to live in tranquil times. Literature doesn't grow there.

~Rita Mae Brown

I no longer idolize reason. I have come to accept that ninety percent of what we do is irrational and that we spend what little rational thought we have in justifying our irrationality.

~Rita Mae Brown

I mean, what do people talk about when they're married?" "Their kids, I guess." "Maybe that's all they have in common.

~Rita Mae Brown

When Mother died I was both freed and abandoned, as are we all at this profound juncture in our lives.

~Rita Mae Brown

We have the ability to be the Athens of modern times as opposed to the militaristic Sparta. I remind you that the Athenians wrote poetry. The Spartans did not.

~Rita Mae Brown

I don't believe in straight or gay. I really don't. I think we're all degrees of bisexual.

~Rita Mae Brown

Cats and dogs believe politicians are like cemetery caregivers; they are on top of everyone, but nobody listens.

~Rita Mae Brown

Why can't peace be a single overriding common purpose: why do we wait for a crisis to pull us together? Let's pull together for peace.

~Rita Mae Brown

The process of writing, any form of creativity, is a power intensifying

life.

~Rita Mae Brown

Youth moves out, leaving no forwarding address. No matter how you try, you can't reach that person again or that place.

~Rita Mae Brown

I believe the true function of age is memory. I'm recording as fast as I can.

~Rita Mae Brown

Unfortunately, Susan didn't remember what Jane Fulton once said, 'Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results.'

~Rita Mae Brown

I am a comic writer, which means I get to slay the dragons, and shoot the bull.

~Rita Mae Brown

People aren't grapes - you can't weigh them in a bunch, but I guess it's easier than dealing with people as individuals.

~Rita Mae Brown

For you to be successful, sacrifices must be made. It's better that they are made by others but failing that, you'll have to make them yourself.

~Rita Mae Brown

Recognition of function always precedes recognition of being.

~Rita Mae Brown

I can only say I wish I had slept with everyone I am accused of.

~Rita Mae Brown

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