

Robin Morgan Quotes

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I feel that 'man-hating' is an honourable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them.

~Robin Morgan

Friendship is mutual blackmail elevated to the level of love.

~Robin Morgan

Knowledge is power. Information is power. The secreting or hoarding of knowledge or information may be an act of tyranny camouflaged as humility.

~Robin Morgan

Only she who attempts the absurd can achieve the impossible.

~Robin Morgan

Clarity of language is the first casualty of authoritarianism.

~Robin Morgan

Sisterhood is powerful.

~Robin Morgan

In the long run, Women's Liberation will of course free men-but in the short run it's going to COST men a lot of privilege, which no one gives up willingly or easily.

~Robin Morgan

We can't destroy the inequities between men and women until we destroy marriage.

~Robin Morgan

Women are not inherently passive or peaceful. We're not inherently anything but human.

~Robin Morgan

Hate generalizes; love specifies. Or: The movements of hatred are toward generalization; love's movements are toward specification.

~Robin Morgan

Sexism is not the fault of women - kill your fathers, not your mothers

~Robin Morgan

When solutions are offered us by the people who originally brought us the problem, we do well to be suspicious.

~Robin Morgan

Let's put one lie to rest for all time: the lie that men are oppressed, too, by sexism-the lie that there can be such a thing as men's liberation groups.

~Robin Morgan

We are the women men warned us about.

~Robin Morgan

White males are the most responsible for the destruction of human life and environment on the planet today.

~Robin Morgan

Feminism is for all women and girls, not a privileged few or one ethnicity, religion, age, sexual preference, ability, region or hemisphere.

~Robin Morgan

Don't accept rides from strange men, and remember that all men are strange.

~Robin Morgan

Where else could one find such a perfect combination of American values -- racism, militarism, capitalism -- all packaged in one 'ideal'

symbol, a woman.

~Robin Morgan

raised' consciousness means lifelong bumping up against a continually receding ceiling. I mean, who ever 'graduates'?

~Robin Morgan

The women's movement is a non-hierarchical one. It does things collectively and experimentally.

~Robin Morgan

An indigenous feminism has been present in every culture in the world and in every period of history since the suppression of women began.

~Robin Morgan

people are capable of profound metamorphosis, though unfortunately they rarely avail themselves of this genius, force of habit being an even greater enemy of change than cowardice.

~Robin Morgan

There's something contagious about demanding freedom.

~Robin Morgan

The Roman Catholic church... carries the immense power of very directly affecting women's lives everywhere by its stand against birth control and abortion

~Robin Morgan

The subtlest and most vicious aspect of women's oppression is that we have been conditioned to believe we are not oppressed, blinded so as not to see our own condition.

~Robin Morgan

Carry yourself as one who will change the world, because you will.

~Robin Morgan

For a poet, making poems is a way of viewing the world, being in the world, breathing.

~Robin Morgan

The Confucian concept and Chinese ideograms for 'woman' and for 'slave' are the same.

~Robin Morgan

Oppression is something that one group of people commits against another group specifically because of a threatening characteristic shared by the latter group.

~Robin Morgan

If I had to characterize one quality as the genius of feminist thought, culture, and action, it would be the connectivity.

~Robin Morgan

It isn't until you begin to fight in your own cause that you (a) become really committed to winning, and (b) become a genuine ally of other people struggling for their freedom.

~Robin Morgan

... life is a comedy far darker than drama. It just takes time to learn what to smile at.

~Robin Morgan

No matter how expected, death is always the ultimate surprise.

~Robin Morgan

The "Otherizing" of women is the oldest oppression known to our species, and it's the model, the template, for all other oppressions.

~Robin Morgan

... censorship often boils down to some male judges getting to read a lot of dirty books--with one hand.

~Robin Morgan

Listen - life is really going on, right now, around us. Do you see it? Sometimes I lose it but if I sit still and listen, it comes back, and then I think, How funny, this is what being alive is.

~Robin Morgan

Crisis can be an addiction as powerful as any other.

~Robin Morgan

I am an artist and a political being as well.

~Robin Morgan

Women are a colonized people.

~Robin Morgan

What would we do without irony? Check out your own daily reliance on it, the foul-weather friend who's there for you when nothing else is.

~Robin Morgan

I still gasp at the revealing lingo for weapons: erector launchers, thrust ratios; my teeth grind reflexively when Dubya sputters Eye-Rack and Eye-Ran have 'nookyular capabacity.

~Robin Morgan

Metaphor is the energy charge that leaps between images, revealing their connections.

~Robin Morgan

in the United States ... given the cult of eternal youth, age is ignored unless it can be sentimentalized.

~Robin Morgan

guilt politics ... I regard as conveniently paralyzing, ripe for backlash defensiveness, counterproductive, and boring.

~Robin Morgan

every actor knows that tragedy, being linear and inevitable, is taxing - but comedy, which depends on the element of surprise, is the hardest act of all.

~Robin Morgan

All art is the tension, expressed between the uncontainable and its one perfect inevitable form.

~Robin Morgan

The egg cackles and lays the chicken.

~Robin Morgan

Your life is the one place you have to spend yourself fully - wild - generous, drastic in an unrationed profligacy of self.

~Robin Morgan

Politics becomes a part of your life once you realize it has been all along.

~Robin Morgan

being Cassandra is a principled choice when there is cause for alarm.

~Robin Morgan

Ordinary is a word that has no meaning.

~Robin Morgan

The present always masquerades as a beginning; maybe we couldn't endure it if we realized at the time that it was a peak, or even an ending.

~Robin Morgan

Legitimate revolution must be led by, made by those who have been most oppressed: black, brown, yellow, red, and white women-with men relating to that the best they can.

~Robin Morgan

Silence is the first thing within the power of the enslaved to shatter. From that shattering, everything else spills forth.

~Robin Morgan

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