

Rohinton Mistry

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Flirting with madness was one thing; when madness started flirting back, it was time to call the whole thing off.

~Rohinton Mistry

The whole quilt is much more important than any single square.

~Rohinton Mistry

...you have to use your failures as stepping stones to success. You have to maintain a fine balance between hope and despair. In the end it's all a question of balance.

~Rohinton Mistry

World can be a bewildering place, and dreams and ambitions are often paths to the most pernicious of traps

~Rohinton Mistry

...the face has limited space. My mother used to say, if you fill your face with laughing, there will be no more room for crying.

~Rohinton Mistry

Money can buy the necessary police order. Justice is sold to the highest bidder

~Rohinton Mistry

In the end, it's all a question of balance.

~Rohinton Mistry

So we tell the same story, over and over. Just the details are different

~Rohinton Mistry

Time had changed the magical to mundane

~Rohinton Mistry

Distance was a dangerous thing, she knew. Distance changed people.

~Rohinton Mistry

After all, our lives are but a sequence of accidents - a clanking chain of chance events. A string of choices, casual or deliberate, which add up to that one big calamity we call life.

~Rohinton Mistry

The worst part of great poverty is that you become blind to it.

~Rohinton Mistry

How can time be long or short? Time is without length or breadth. The question is, what happened during its passing. And what happened is, our lives have been joined together.

~Rohinton Mistry

Children don't make judgments about which details are important... a child captures them all.

~Rohinton Mistry

If there was an abundance of misery in the world, there was also sufficient joy, yes - as long as one knew where to look for it.

~Rohinton Mistry

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In foreign countries they fear baldness. They are so rich in foreign countries, they can afford to fear all kinds of silly things.

~Rohinton Mistry

There didn't seem to her any harm in it, and the make-believe was so comforting.

~Rohinton Mistry

I think a lot about the past, it's true. But at my age, the past is more present than the here and now. And there is not much percentage in the future.

~Rohinton Mistry

Black money is so much a part of our white economy, a tumour in the centre of the brain - try to remove it and you kill the patient.

~Rohinton Mistry

Where humans are concerned, the only emotion that made sense was wonder, at their ability to endure.

~Rohinton Mistry

The Law is a grim, unsmiling thing. Not Justice, though. Justice is witty and whimsical and kind and caring.

~Rohinton Mistry

Loss is essential. Loss is part and parcel of that necessary calamity called life.

~Rohinton Mistry

Remembering bred its own peculiar sorrow. It seemed so unfair: that time should render both sadness and happiness into a source of pain.

~Rohinton Mistry

The carnage upon the chessboard of life, left wounded humans in its wake

~Rohinton Mistry

I met my wife when we were both 19 or 20, at a music school where she was taking voice and piano lessons and I was doing classes in music theory and composition.

~Rohinton Mistry

Lately you are brooding too much about rights. Give up this dangerous habit.

~Rohinton Mistry

Hahnji, mister, you must be patient. Before you can name that corner, our future must become past.

~Rohinton Mistry

He who spits paan at the ceiling only blinds himself.

~Rohinton Mistry

There was no such thing as perfect privacy, life was a perpetual concert-hall recital with a captive audience.

~Rohinton Mistry

Birth and death - what could be more monstrous than that? We like to deceive ourselves and call it wondrous and beautiful and majestic, but it's freakish, let's face it.

~Rohinton Mistry

Walk, first, through the fire, then philosophize.

~Rohinton Mistry

You see, you cannot draw lines and compartments, and refuse to budge beyond them, sometimes you have to use your failures as stepping stones to success

~Rohinton Mistry

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