

Sara Gruen

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When two people are meant to be together, they will be together. It's fate.

~Sara Gruen

Keeping up the appearance of having all your marbles is hard work, but important.

~Sara Gruen

I stare at her for a long moment. I want to kiss her. I want to kiss her more than I've ever wanted anything in my life.

~Sara Gruen

I look after those who look after me." He smacks his lips, stares at me, and adds, "I also look after those who don't." - Sara Gruen (Water for Elephants)

~Sara Gruen

Life is the most spectacular show on earth.

~Sara Gruen

The only thing that makes me crazier than writing is not writing.

~Sara Gruen

When will people learn that just because you can make something doesn't mean you should?

~Sara Gruen

When I first submerged my feet into frigid water, they hurt so badly I yanked them out again. I persisted, dunking them for longer and longer periods, until the cold finally blistered.

~Sara Gruen

I don't like outlining, because books are organic things. Sometimes a book doesn't want to be written in a certain way.

~Sara Gruen

...poking a lump of red Jello that jiggles outrageously, like a breast I once knew.

~Sara Gruen

Don't want to get tipsy and break a hip.

~Sara Gruen

Do you have any idea how much an elephant drinks?

~Sara Gruen

It's as though I've been sleepwalking and suddenly woken to find myself here

~Sara Gruen

It's just a crazy damned life, that's all.

~Sara Gruen

Why the hell shouldn't I run away with the circus?

~Sara Gruen

I scan the room. Catherine is writing quickly, her light brown hair falling over her face. She is left-handed, and because she writes in pencil her left arm is silver from wrist to elbow.

~Sara Gruen

How is it that everyone on this train has so much alcohol?" "We always head to Canada at the beginning of the season," she says taking her seat again. "Their laws are much more civilized. Cheers.

~Sara Gruen

I want her to melt into me, like butter on toast. I want to absorb her and walk around for the rest of my days with her encased in my skin. I want.

~Sara Gruen

The more distressing the memory, the more persistent it's presence.

~Sara Gruen

I have to convince myself that this is not a pointless life, even the body is telling me so.

~Sara Gruen

You do right by me, I'll show you a life most suckers can't even dream of.

~Sara Gruen

Honey, I plan to marry you the moment the ink is dry on that death certificate.

~Sara Gruen

Life goes on with fragile normalcy.

~Sara Gruen

With a secret like that, at some point the secret itself becomes irrelevant. The fact that you kept it does not.

~Sara Gruen

I am ninety. Or ninety-three. One or the other.

~Sara Gruen

Dear God. Not only am I unemployed and homeless, but I also have a pregnant woman, bereaved dog, elephant, and eleven horses to take care of.

~Sara Gruen

Is where you're from the place you're leaving or where you have roots?

~Sara Gruen

i'm afraid to breathe in case i break the spell

~Sara Gruen

The whole thing's illusion, [Jacob], and there's nothing wrong with that. It's what people want from us. It's what they expect.

~Sara Gruen

Sometimes I think if I had to choose between an ear of corn or making love to a woman, I'd choose the corn.

~Sara Gruen

Even when I look straight into the milky blue eyes I can't find myself any more. When did I stop being me?

~Sara Gruen

Must protect my little pockets of happiness.

~Sara Gruen

Being the survivor stinks.

~Sara Gruen

We traveled for two weeks with a pickled hippo.

~Sara Gruen

Hey! Shouts Camel. There ain't no woman in the world worth two bottles of whiskey!

~Sara Gruen

Then I lie down on the horse blanket and drift into a dream about Marlina that will probably cost me my soul.

~Sara Gruen

Jacob: I've never seen so much manure. Wade: Baggage stock horses. They pack'em in 27 a car. Jacob: how do you stand the smell? Wade:

what smell?

~Sara Gruen

I hate this bizarre policy of protective exclusion, because it effectively writes me off the page.

~Sara Gruen

I had my whole life planned.. I knew exactly where it was taking me.

~Sara Gruen

...if you expect people to try to do things your way, you're going to have to give some hints as to what that way is.

~Sara Gruen

Although, pretending not to notice is almost worse than noticing.

~Sara Gruen

I tend not to think about the reading public at all, or the business, when I'm writing.

~Sara Gruen

I strain to hear, but my old ears, for all their obscene hugeness, pick up nothing but snippets.

~Sara Gruen

You work hard on a book and throw it out there and then it's beyond your control.

~Sara Gruen

I think there is just a vein of humanity that really loves animals and really loves to read about them.

~Sara Gruen

I just think I'm better equipped to make a study of human personality

than trying to get into the mind of animals.

~Sara Gruen

So what if I'm ninety-three? So what if I'm ancient and cranky and my body's a wreck? If they're willing to accept me and my guilty conscience, why the hell shouldn't I run away with the circus?

~Sara Gruen

They grew fat and happy--the horses, not the children, or Marlena for that matter.

~Sara Gruen

The thought has cheered me, and I'd like to hang onto that. Must protect my little pockets of happiness.

~Sara Gruen

When did I stop being me?

~Sara Gruen

I just can't. I'm married. I made my bed and now I have to lie in it.

~Sara Gruen

I'm truly grateful for my microwave, which allows me to easily clarify butter, steam vegetables, and - when I am really lazy - feed my three kids in less than five minutes.

~Sara Gruen

After sixty-one years together, she simply clutched my hand and exhaled.

~Sara Gruen

Even as your body betrays you, your mind denies it.

~Sara Gruen

The sky the sky- same as it always was.

~Sara Gruen

How hard can it be to find a girl and an elephant for Christ's sake?

~Sara Gruen

At this moment, the story in his head was perfect. He also knew from experience that it would degenerate the second he started typing, because such was the nature of writing.

~Sara Gruen

I roll onto my side and stare out the venetian blinds at the blue sky beyond. After a few minutes I'm lulled into a sort of peace. The sky, the sky--same as it always was.

~Sara Gruen

What else do I have to offer? Nothing happens to me anymore. That's the reality of getting old, and I guess that's really the crux of the matter. I'm not ready to be old yet.

~Sara Gruen

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