

Sarah Manguso

Quotes

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Empathy, Sea, Reality, Reason, Guessing, Time Passing, Trying, Happened,
Running, Looks, Thinking*

Those who claim to write about something larger and more significant than the self sometimes fail to comprehend the dimensions of self.

~Sarah Manguso

Around you move many seas. It is impossible not to drown a little.

~Sarah Manguso

Chair or no chair: a binary relation. But the vicissitudes of moving the body around are infinite. You never know what a person in a chair can do.

~Sarah Manguso

If you think something's happened quickly, you're looking at only a part of it.

~Sarah Manguso

Perhaps all anxiety might derive from a fixation on moments - an inability to accept life as ongoing.

~Sarah Manguso

Time punishes us by taking everything, but it also saves us - by taking everything

~Sarah Manguso

You can't learn from remembering. You can't learn from guessing. You can learn only from moving forward at the rate you are moved, as brightness into brightness.

~Sarah Manguso

The catalog of emotion that disappears when someone dies, and the degree to which we rely on a few people to record something of what life was to them, is almost too much to bear.

~Sarah Manguso

The more you talk about something, the less accurate it gets.

~Sarah Manguso

I don't write toward a genre, and I try not to make claim to a genre after a book is published. That said, *The Guardians* isn't poetry. It's prose.

~Sarah Manguso

This is suffering's lesson: pay attention. The important part might come in a form you do not recognize.

~Sarah Manguso

The best thing about time passing is the privilege of running out of it, of watching the wave of mortality break over me and everyone I know.

~Sarah Manguso

I like people who possess either deep mastery or deep empathy, but not as much as I like those who possess both.

~Sarah Manguso

Experience in itself wasn't enough. The diary was my defense against waking up at the end of my life and realizing I'd missed it.

~Sarah Manguso

Look at me, dancing my little dance for a few moments against the background of eternity.

~Sarah Manguso

I see no reason not to write whatever comes to me.

~Sarah Manguso

If I'm not writing a thing, depression might be looming.

~Sarah Manguso

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