

Sidonie Gabrielle Colette Quotes

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Happiness, Broken Heart, Want, Inspirational, Women, Pain, Friendship, Luck,
Beautiful*

The day after that wedding night I found that a distance of a thousand miles, abyss and discovery and irremediable metamorphosis, separated me from the day before.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

It is not a bad thing that children should occasionally, and politely, put parents in their place.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

When she raises her eyelids it's as if she were taking off all her clothes.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Be happy. It's one way of being wise.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

If I can't have too many truffles, I'll do without truffles.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I believe there are more urgent and honorable occupations than the incomparable waste of time we call suffering.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Time spent with a cat is never wasted.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Sit down and put down everything that comes into your head and then you're a writer. But an author is one who can judge his own stuff's worth, without pity, and destroy most of it.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I love my past, I love my present. I am not ashamed of what I have had, and I am not sad because I no longer have it.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

You must not pity me because my sixtieth year finds me still astonished. To be astonished is one of the surest ways of not growing old too quickly.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Never touch a butterfly's wing with your finger.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

By an image we hold on to our lost treasures, but it is the wrenching loss that forms the image, composes, binds the bouquet.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

There are connoisseurs of blue just as there are connoisseurs of wine.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

A woman who thinks she is intelligent demands the same rights as man. An intelligent woman gives up.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

A kindly gesture bestowed by us on an animal arouses prodigies of understanding and gratitude.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

There are no ordinary cats.

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It takes time for the absent to assume their true shape in our thoughts.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Smokers, male and female, inject and excuse idleness in their lives every time they light a cigarette.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I went to collect the few personal belongings which...I held to be invaluable: my cat, my resolve to travel, and my solitude.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

In its early stages, insomnia is almost an oasis in which those who have to think or suffer darkly take refuge.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Look for a long time at what pleases you, and a longer time at what pains you.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

On this narrow planet, we have only the choice between two unknown worlds. One of them tempts us - ah! what a dream, to live in that! - the other stifles us at the first breath.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

beautiful December grapes, blue as plums, every grape a little skinful of sweet, tasteless water

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

The lovesick, the betrayed, and the jealous all smell alike.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

January, month of empty pockets! let us endure this evil month, anxious

as a theatrical producer's forehead.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Sincerity is not a spontaneous flower nor is modesty either.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

One keeps forgetting old age up to the very brink of the grave.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Writing only leads to more writing.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I've entered the world of wine without any professional training, but a definite appetite for good bottles.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Perhaps the only misplaced curiosity is that which persists in trying to find out here, on this side of death, what lies beyond the grave.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I am going away with him to an unknown country where I shall have no past and no name, and where I shall be born again with a new face and an untried heart.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

It is wise to apply the oil of refined politeness to the mechanisms of friendship.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

To a poet, silence is an acceptable response, even a flattering one.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Total absence of humor renders life impossible.

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You do not notice changes in what is always before you.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

At sixty-three years of age, less a quarter, one still has plans.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

A happy childhood is poor preparation for human contacts.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

A pretty little collection of weaknesses and a terror of spiders are our indispensable stock-in-trade with the men...

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I want nothing from love, in short, but love.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

If he's getting married, he's not longer interesting.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

The faults of husbands are often caused by the excess virtues of their wives.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

My true friends have always given me that supreme proof of devotion, a spontaneous aversion for the man I loved.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

The true traveler is he who goes on foot, and even then, he sits down a lot of the time.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

There is no need to waste pity on young girls who are having their moments of disillusionment, for in another moment they will recover their illusion.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

A few days later, I found my mother beneath the tree, motionless with excitement, her head turned toward the heavens in which she would allow human religions no place.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Jealousy is not at all low, but it catches us humbled and bowed down, at first sight.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

At the top of the iron staircase leading to the stage, the good, dry, dusty warmth wraps me round like a comfortable dirty cloak.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

In the matter of furnishing, I find a certain absence of ugliness far worse than ugliness.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I have found my voice again and the art of using it.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

We only do well the things we like doing.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

No temptation can ever be measured by the value of its object.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Hope costs nothing.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

As for an authentic villain, the real thing, the absolute, the artist, one rarely meets him even once in a lifetime. The ordinary bad hat is always in part a decent fellow.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

By means of an image we are often able to hold on to our lost belongings. But it is the desperateness of losing which picks the flowers of memory, binds the bouquet.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

No one asked you to be happy. Get to work.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Truffles must come to the table in their own stock and as you break open this jewel sprung from a poverty-stricken soil, imagine - if you have never visited it - the desolate kingdom where it rules.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

I did not look for her, because I was afraid of dispelling the mystery we attach to people whom we know only casually.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

If we want to be sincere, we must admit that there is a well-nourished love and an ill-nourished love. And the rest is literature.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

You don't think before you do something foolish. You do your thinking afterwards.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

That lovely voice; how I should weep for joy if I could hear it now!

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

So now, whenever I despair, I no longer expect my end, but some bit of luck, some commonplace little miracle which, like a glittering link, will mend again the necklace of my days.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

The only virtue on which I pride myself is my self-doubt; when a writer loses her self-doubt, the time has come to lay aside her pen.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Don't cudgel your brains over my little problems.

~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

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