

Terry McMillan Quotes

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I'm the only one who can stop me.. I'm the one who's been sitting at the spotlight all these years, waiting for the light to turn green.

~Terry McMillan

Writing is my shelter. I don't hide behind the words; I use them to dig inside my heart to find the truth.

~Terry McMillan

If you jump to conclusions, you make terrible landings.

~Terry McMillan

Pay attention to the things that agitate you. It will tell you a lot about yourself.

~Terry McMillan

It's amazing how we can make ourselves believe what we want to.

~Terry McMillan

People like to run their mouths.

~Terry McMillan

Writing is the only place I can be myself and not feel judged.

~Terry McMillan

Few writers are willing to admit writing is autobiographical.

~Terry McMillan

As a writer, you get to bring attention to something without preaching. I don't believe in being didactic. So if you dramatize something, you automatically bring attention to it if people read it.

~Terry McMillan

I'm more interested in interpersonal relationships - between lovers families, siblings. That's why I write about how we treat each other.

~Terry McMillan

Folks want to glow, to leave their worries and dead skin behind.

~Terry McMillan

I would be content being a housewife if I could find the kind of man who wouldn't treat me like one.

~Terry McMillan

don't sabotage your own greatness by succumbing to failure!

~Terry McMillan

It goes without saying that your friends are usually the first to discuss your personal business behind your back.

~Terry McMillan

Good parents have children who do terrible things and vice-versa.

~Terry McMillan

I have a big mouth, and over the years, as the eldest of five, I have had a tendency to speak when no one really cared.

~Terry McMillan

It should be obvious that I wasn't no honor roll student in high school. My favorite class was boys.

~Terry McMillan

Back then I confused passions and orgasms with love. It took me years to realize the two weren't synonymous.

~Terry McMillan

Write from your heart, and God will take care of the rest.

~Terry McMillan

happiness aint got no Ph.D. or no certain amount of zeroes behind it!

~Terry McMillan

There is a price for popularity. Critics look for your weaknesses, your flaws, anything that makes the work seem like a fluke and not seem worthy of all the attention it's getting.

~Terry McMillan

life is like a jigsaw puzzle, you have to see the whole picture, then put it together piece by piece!

~Terry McMillan

Can't nothing make your life work if you ain't the architect.

~Terry McMillan

I also discovered that you can get used to a man , much like you do a household pet!

~Terry McMillan

You know, one of my fears about living alone so long is that you get used to doing everything your own way.

~Terry McMillan

I just believe that young people need to be able to learn how to write in their own voice. Just like a musician, you pride yourself on having your own distinct sound.

~Terry McMillan

My stories are character driven.

~Terry McMillan

I'm not trying to be a middle aged centerfold, I just want to look at myself naked and not be disgusted.

~Terry McMillan

I'm not an angry woman. I'm not bitter.

~Terry McMillan

People need to be re - sometimes we need to reinvent ourselves and then get reacquainted with our better selves.

~Terry McMillan

I was tired of chasing ghosts, hollow men who were outside my comfort zone, men who had nothing to give me except a rush. It was all I asked for, and all I ever got.

~Terry McMillan

You've been killing me inside and I don't want to die like this.

~Terry McMillan

Sometimes I cheat and buy things I used to make from scratch and just doctor them up.

~Terry McMillan

I don't let negative criticism, for the most part, bother me.

~Terry McMillan

At least be a nice lesbian or you're going to give the rest a bad rap.

~Terry McMillan

I can't stand that - those women in 'Waiting to Exhale' now. I can't stand them. But that's because I'm 53 and not 33. But what they were experiencing at 33, I identified with it.

~Terry McMillan

I've got tons of irreplaceable information inside the soul of this computer.

~Terry McMillan

It's sad to think that we've gotten to this, that we actually have to think about how to go about finding a man. But what's even sadder is that some men make you feel guilty for looking.

~Terry McMillan

I like doing the readings and the autographing, but the interviewing gets a little tedious because you get asked the same questions every day and sometimes three or four times a day.

~Terry McMillan

The best rush in the world is getting something at 80 percent off.

~Terry McMillan

Now, I've been known to be attractive on special occasions, and I do my best to project as much beauty as I can muster from deep inside, though I often fail.

~Terry McMillan

I used to get a lot of letters from prisoners. It used to get on my nerves. Especially family members. Everybody's innocent.

~Terry McMillan

Wherever there's a prison, for the most part, especially where there's Black people, it's overcrowded. I don't know who really gets out.

~Terry McMillan

People always have something to say about what you do and how you do it.

~Terry McMillan

I take what people feel and think, especially when it's different from, very seriously, and I find it liberating.

~Terry McMillan

My mama taught me that anything worth doing in life should be a little scary.

~Terry McMillan

Look, as my mama always said, 'One monkey don't stop no show.

~Terry McMillan

I'd crack up without my music. It's the best company you can have, really. It don't say 'no' or 'maybe,' or ask no questions.

~Terry McMillan

We never thought some guy would deliberately fill our hearts with brown sugar and then pour hot water all over it.

~Terry McMillan

Why is it that if you happen to be black and over six feet tall, everybody thinks you supposed to play basketball or football?

~Terry McMillan

As far as young kids go, my primary interest is to get parents to read to their kids. That's about the most you can do, I think.

~Terry McMillan

I let my characters do the talking, simple as that.

~Terry McMillan

money does not guarantee happiness or peace of mind, it can take your mind off things, distract you, but it can't replace the generic stuff a person needs!

~Terry McMillan

I want to push the fast-forward button until I get back to happy.

~Terry McMillan

We get divorce, we get conned, someone we love dies, or we can't find anybody to love us or somebody breaks our heart and we realize this fairy tale ain't fair. So we suffer.

~Terry McMillan

I try to create characters that I am fascinated by on some level or intrigued by or can't stand.

~Terry McMillan

Don't worry about how pretty (the story) sounds, how lilting it is, and the imagery, and the metaphor, all that. Most readers don't care. It's the people in your book that matter.

~Terry McMillan

It's not that marriage itself is bad; it's the people we marry who give it a bad name.

~Terry McMillan

What I do know is sometimes we love the wrong people and sometimes we marry them.

~Terry McMillan

I don't trust white critics' judgment about most things that deal with black life, particularly when a black person is the creator.

~Terry McMillan

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