

Tracy Chevalier Quotes

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Life Is, Hunting, Important, Wanted, Enough, Appreciate, Quiet, Streets,
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You're so calm and quiet, you never say. But there are things inside you. I see them sometimes, hiding in your eyes.

~Tracy Chevalier

It's those little daily incidents of life that are dramatic, and if you put a frame around it, suddenly they become much bigger and much more important than you ever imagined.

~Tracy Chevalier

It's a rare book that wins the battle against drooping eyelids.

~Tracy Chevalier

I find that when I come out of the library I'm in what I call the library bliss of being totally taken away from the distractions of life.

~Tracy Chevalier

He saw things in a way that others did not, so that a city I had lived in all my life seemed a different place, so that a woman became beautiful with the light on her face.

~Tracy Chevalier

Don't write about what you know - write about what you're interested in. Don't write about yourself - you aren't as interesting as you think.

~Tracy Chevalier

As I get older, I use less jewelry - necklace or earrings each morning, not both; my clothes are getting more basic - fewer colours and simpler cuts; and my make-up is stripped back to basics.

~Tracy Chevalier

The sign of a masterpiece: A painting when there's a lack of resolution.

~Tracy Chevalier

You know I don't listen to market gossip," she began, "but it is

hard not to hear it when my daughter's name is mentioned.

~Tracy Chevalier

I have consistently loved books that I've read when I've been sick in bed.

~Tracy Chevalier

I had walked along that street all my life, but had never been so aware that my back was to my home

~Tracy Chevalier

So many (too many) books are published every year, and it seems everyone is writing a book. Perhaps we should all be reading more and writing less!

~Tracy Chevalier

Normally book ideas come to me in a moment.

~Tracy Chevalier

I try to write 1,000 words a day - about three pages. When I reach 1,000 words I feel good. Less than that: a failure. More than that: tired.

~Tracy Chevalier

I didn't move. I've learned from years of experience that dogs and falcons and ladies come back to you if you stay where you are.

~Tracy Chevalier

It was not a house where secrets could be kept easily.

~Tracy Chevalier

Although I always said that I wanted to be a writer from childhood, I hadn't actually done much about it until I came to London.

~Tracy Chevalier

Yes, well, life is a folly. If you live long enough, nothing is surprising.

~Tracy Chevalier

We say very little, for we do not need to. We are silent together, each in her own world, knowing the other is just at her back.

~Tracy Chevalier

Say something worth the words.

~Tracy Chevalier

I wanted to wear the mantle and the pearls. I wanted to know the man who painted her like that.

~Tracy Chevalier

Over his shoulder I saw a star fall. It was me.

~Tracy Chevalier

Jane Austen easily used half a page describing someone else's eyes; she would not appreciate summarizing her reading tastes in ten titles.

~Tracy Chevalier

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