

# Wendy Wasserstein

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Husband, Ambiguous, Expectations, Movement, Art, Food, Taken, Lying,  
Frustration, Tenacity*

The real reason for comedy is to hide the pain.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable.

~Wendy Wasserstein

No matter how successful I become as a playwright, my mother would be thrilled to hear me tell her that I'd just lost twenty pounds, gotten married and become a lawyer.

~Wendy Wasserstein

The signature of a truly enviable woman is the tenacity and continuity of her women friends.

~Wendy Wasserstein

I'm not going to throw my imagination away. I refuse to lie down to expectation. If I can just hold out till I'm thirty, I'll be incredible.

~Wendy Wasserstein

I really worked at becoming more assertive, and now none of my friends talk to me.

~Wendy Wasserstein

As I ramble through life, whatever be my goal, I will unfortunately always keep my eye upon the doughnut and not upon the whole.

~Wendy Wasserstein

No matter how lonely you get or how many birth announcements you receive, the trick is not to get frightened. There's nothing wrong with being alone.

~Wendy Wasserstein

anyone who writes plays is unbelievably persistent, because there isn't

a need in the world for plays. Somehow you internally have to feel a need to write a play.

~Wendy Wasserstein

The struggle to be considered a grown-up begins, I believe, shortly after birth.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Anyone who is considered funny will tell you, sometimes without your even asking, that deep inside they are very serious, neurotic, introspective people.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Being a grownup means assuming responsibility for yourself, for your children, and - here's the big curve - for your parents.

~Wendy Wasserstein

I don't much like to think that being a bachelor girl limits how you see the world. On the other hand, I know it certainly limits how the world sees you.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Sometimes I want to clean up my desk and go out and say, respect me, I'm a respectable grown-up, and other times I just want to jump into a paper bag and shake and bake myself to death.

~Wendy Wasserstein

I'm perpetually curious as to what happened to all those supposed prodigies who were singled out while I and my coterie of far more interesting malcontents passed on.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Our lives are not totally random. We make commitments, we cause things to happen.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Sloth is the fastest-growing lifestyle movement in the world, and that's because it is completely doable. If you embrace sloth, it's the last thing you'll ever have to do again.

~Wendy Wasserstein

to live life as a writer is a very lucky thing.

~Wendy Wasserstein

being funny is a way of being liked and a way of dealing with sadness.

~Wendy Wasserstein

The thing I longed for as a teenager is now an object of neglect and scorn. I've grown to hate my telephone.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Work is a way of shutting out ambiguous sentiment.

~Wendy Wasserstein

Bruce was a genius, conveniently born on Christmas Eve with, according to my mother, Messiah potential.

~Wendy Wasserstein

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