

# William McFee

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If fate means you to lose, give him a good fight anyhow.

~William McFee

The world is not interested in the storms you encountered, but did you bring in the ship?

~William McFee

Terrible and sublime thought, that every moment is supreme for some man and woman, every hour the apotheosis of some passion!

~William McFee

The world belongs to the Enthusiast who keeps cool.

~William McFee

A young man must let his ideas grow, not be continually rooting them up to see how they are getting on.

~William McFee

One must choose between obscurity with efficiency, and fame with its inevitable collateral of bluff.

~William McFee

It is extraordinary how many emotional storms one may weather in safety if one is ballasted with ever so little gold.

~William McFee

There is a pleasure unknown to the landsman in reading at sea.

~William McFee

There is nothing like an odor to stir memories.

~William McFee

Responsibility's like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight.

~William McFee

Wives invariably flourish when deserted; ... it is the deserting male, the reckless idealist rushing about the world seeking a non-existent felicity, who often ends in disaster.

~William McFee

An Englishman never takes his collar off when he is writing. How can you expect him to show you his soul?

~William McFee

People don't ever seem to realize that doing what's right, writes no guarantee against misfortune.

~William McFee

It is so much easier to tell intimate things in the dark.

~William McFee

The worldly relations of men and women often form an equation that cancels out without warning when some insignificant factor has been added to either side.

~William McFee

A trouble is a trouble, and the general idea, in the country, is to treat it as such, rather than to snatch the knotted cords from the hand of God and deal out murderous blows.

~William McFee

The artist in his teens who is happy is a charlatan. Life comes bursting in all around us too suddenly, too crudely, too cruelly, for happiness.

~William McFee

There is far too much talk of love and grief benumbing the faculties, turning the hair gray, and destroying a man's interest in his work. Grief

has made many a man look younger.

~William McFee

Fear, born of the stern matron Responsibility, sits on one's shoulders like some heavy imp of darkness, and one is preoccupied and, possibly, cantankerous.

~William McFee

There is nothing like a start, and being born, however pessimistic one may become in later years, is undeniably a start.

~William McFee

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