Top Girls quotes:

Act 1:

P.3 Nijo: “No, of course not, Marlene, I belonged to him, it was what I was brought up for from a baby.”

P.14 Marlene: “We've all come a long way. To our courage and the way we changed our lives and our extraordinary achievements.”

P.16 Joan: “Yes, if it hadn't been for the baby I expect I’d have lived to an old age like Theodora of Alexandria, who lived as a monk.”

P.18 Nijo: “He cut the cord with a short sword, wrapped the baby in white and took it away. It was only a girl but I was sorry to lose it.”

P.20 Marlene: “Oh God, why are we all so miserable?”

P.23 Griselda: “...I could say no, but if I said yes I must always obey him in everything.”...”But of course a wife must obey her husband.”

P.24 Griselda: “But he said he wouldn't snatch her, I had to agree and obey and give her up.”

P.25 Griselda: “It was Walter's child to do what he liked with.”

P.26 Griselda: “He wanted to see if I loved him enough.”...”It was always easy because I always knew I would do what he said.”...”He sent me away.”

P.27 Marlene: “Oh God, I can't bear it. I want some coffee. Six coffees. Six brandies. /Double brandies. Straight away.”

P.29 Nijo: “...and then they beat their women across the loins so they'll have sons and not daughters. So the Emperor beat us all / very hard as usual”...”Yes, I hit him with a stick.”

P.31 Gret: “'Come on, we're going where the evil come from and pay the bastards out.'“

Act 2:

Scene 1:

P.36 Angie: “I'm going to kill my mother and you're going to watch.”

P.38 Joyce: “Fucking rotten little cunt. You can stay there and die. I'll lock the back door.”

P.45 Angie picks up a brick.

P.46 Angie: “I put on this dress to kill my mother.”

Scene 2:

P.46 Nell: “Coffee coffee coffee coffee...”

P.47 Nell: “Howard thinks because he's a fella the job was his as of right. Our Marlene's got far more balls than Howard and that's that.

P.50 Win: “You could marry him and go on working.” Nell: “I could go on working and not marry him”

P.52 Nell: “I don't like coming second.”

P.54 Marlene: “I've sent him a girl before and she was happy, left to have a baby, you won't want to mention marriage there.”

P.56 Marlene: “I think you could make me believe it if you put your mind to it.”

P.62 Angie: “I knew you'd be in charge of everything.”

P.65 Mrs Kidd: “You're one of these ballbreakers / that's what you are.”

p.72 Win:“Any job I ever did I stated doing it better than the rest of the crowd and they didn't like it.”...”Got married in a moment of weakness and he's inside now, he's been inside four years, and I’ve not been to see him too much this last year.”

p.73 Marlene: “She's not going to make it”.

Act 3:

P.74 “a bright carrier bag”

Marlene: “I’ve no memory for birthdays have I, and Christmas seems to slip by. So I think I owe Angie a few presents.

p.76 Marlene: “I don't know what you're like, do I.”

p.77 Joyce: “It's not my fault you don't know what she's like. You never come and see her.”