

Agnes Smedley

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Everybody calls everybody a spy, secretly, in Russia, and everybody is under surveillance. You never feel safe.

~Agnes Smedley

Now, being a girl, I was ashamed of my body and my lack of strength. So I tried to be a man. I shot, rode, jumped, and took part in all the fights of the boys.

~Agnes Smedley

I feel like a person living on the brink of a volcano crater.

~Agnes Smedley

To die would have been beautiful. But I belong to those who do not die for the sake of beauty.

~Agnes Smedley

I have loved and bitterness left me for that hour. But there are times when love itself is bitter.

~Agnes Smedley

And the woman who could win the respect of man was often the woman who could knock him down with her bare fists and sit on him until he yelled for help.

~Agnes Smedley

Thousands of women are crushed and made inarticulate by that system and never develop as their natures would force them to develop were they in a decent environment.

~Agnes Smedley

I have always detested the belief that sex is the chief bond between man and woman. Friendship is far more human.

~Agnes Smedley

But settled things were enemies to me and soon lost their newness and color. The unknown called.

~Agnes Smedley

There's something dreadfully decisive about a beheading.

~Agnes Smedley

I have no objection to a man being a man, however masculine that may be.

~Agnes Smedley

Yet it is awful to love a person who is a torture to you. And a fascinating person who loves you and won't hear of anything but your loving him and living right by his side through all eternity!

~Agnes Smedley

Much that we read of Russia is imagination and desire only.

~Agnes Smedley

There are many men - such as those often to be found among the Indians - who are refined until they have qualities often attributed to the female sex. Yet they are men, and strong ones.

~Agnes Smedley

No one yet knows what a man's province is, and how far that province, as conceived of today, is artificial.

~Agnes Smedley

When I was a girl, the West was still young, and the law of force, of physical force, was dominant.

~Agnes Smedley

But I see no reason why a woman should not grow and develop in all those outlets which are suited to her nature, it matters not at all what

they may be.

~Agnes Smedley

For the first week of the Sian events I was a first aid worker in the streets of Sian.

~Agnes Smedley

Gambling in the mark has been the great indoor sport of the capitalists for months, and consequently food has increased by 25 to 100 per cent.

~Agnes Smedley

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