

Alec Soth

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If you want to be a creative person, then you're gonna have to be creative in how you put your career together. There isn't a path. Part of the creativity is making your path.

~Alec Soth

I fell in love with the process of taking pictures, with wandering around finding things. To me it feels like a kind of performance. The picture is a document of that performance.

~Alec Soth

I always say that photography's closest cousin is poetry because of the way it sparks your imagination and leaves gaps for the viewer to fill in.

~Alec Soth

The people that I photographed allowed me to photograph them because they didn't want to be alone, and the truth is I didn't want to be alone making the pictures.

~Alec Soth

Photography is a very lonely medium. There's a kind of beautiful loneliness in voyeurism. And that's why I'm a photographer.

~Alec Soth

I'm a project-based photographer; I think in narrative terms, the way a writer thinks of a book, or a filmmaker a film.

~Alec Soth

[Photography is] very related to poetry. It's suggestive and fragmentary and unsatisfying in a lot of ways. It's as much about what you leave out as what you put in.

~Alec Soth

For me, the act of photography is all about discovery and finding new things.

~Alec Soth

For me, photography is as much about the way I respond to the subject as it is about the subject itself.

~Alec Soth

Nobody really wants to be alone. People need people.

~Alec Soth

Photography, for me, is a lot like web surfing in real life.

~Alec Soth

For good work to develop the technology needs to become as stable and functional as a typewriter.

~Alec Soth

I'm like the annoying guy in the street.

~Alec Soth

I've never been comfortable photographing people I know, myself included. I guess I prefer the mystery of strangers.

~Alec Soth

It's a weird combination that makes a great picture. It's a complete mystery to me.

~Alec Soth

If limitation spawns creativity, is the limitless resource of the Internet a good thing?

~Alec Soth

Watching my daughter sort of live in this world where a photograph is not something to keep a memory. It's something to just speak with. It's language.

~Alec Soth

You can photograph anything. You can be inside, outside, doesn't matter, you're controlling the light. It gives you great flexibility. That was a primary motivation.

~Alec Soth

I admire photographers that don't need a destination. In some ways, street photography is like that. There's a quality of wanderlust for sure in my work, but I need a destination.

~Alec Soth

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