

# Alice James Quotes

*Twenties, Book, Reality, Dream, Soul, Giving Up, Education, Quantity, Ninety,  
Reflection, Dying, Age, Proportion, Thinking, Deities, Funny, Trials, Form,  
Complacency, Selfishness*

It is an immense loss to have all robust and sustaining expletives refined away from one! At moments of trial refinement is a feeble reed to lean upon.

~Alice James

One has a greater sense of degradation after an interview with a doctor than from any human experience.

~Alice James

The difficulty about all this dying, is that you can't tell a fellow anything about it, so where does the fun come in?

~Alice James

Though I have no productive worth, I have a certain value as an indestructible quantity.

~Alice James

When will women begin to have the first glimmer that above all other loyalties is the loyalty to Truth, i.e., to yourself, that husband, children, friends and country are as nothing to that.

~Alice James

You must remember that a woman, by nature, needs much less to feed upon than a man, a few emotions and she is satisfied.

~Alice James

I wonder whether if I had an education I should have been more or less a fool that I am.

~Alice James

Truly nothing is to be expected except for the unexpected.

~Alice James

How fatally the entire want of humor cripples the mind.

~Alice James

Physical pain however great ends in itself and falls away like dry husks from the mind, whilst moral discords and nervous horrors sear the soul.

~Alice James

I make it a rule always to believe compliments implicitly for five minutes, and to simmer gently for twenty more.

~Alice James

How heroic to be able to suppress one's vanity to the extent of confessing that the game is too hard.

~Alice James

It is so comic to hear oneself called old, even at ninety I suppose!

~Alice James

The gain isn't counted to the recluse and inactive that, having nothing to measure themselves by and never being tested by failure, they simmer and soak perpetually in conscious complacency.

~Alice James

The success or failure of a life, as far as posterity goes, seems to lie in the more or less luck of seizing the right moment of escape

~Alice James

What sense of superiority it gives one to escape reading some book which every one else is reading.

~Alice James

How sick one gets of being "good," how much I should respect myself if I could burst out and make everyone wretched for twenty-four hours; embody selfishness.

~Alice James

What one reads, or rather all that comes to us, is surely only of interest and value in proportion as we find ourselves therein, -- form given to what was vague, what slumbered stirred to life.

~Alice James

Ah! Those strange people who have the courage to be unhappy! Are they unhappy, by the way?

~Alice James

Who would ever give up the reality of dreams for relative knowledge?

~Alice James

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