

Anna Brownell Jameson

Quotes

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Sex, Nature, Hate, Forgiveness, Passion, May, Echoes, Work, Mean*

In morals, what begins in fear usually ends in wickedness; in religion, what begins in fear usually ends in fanaticism. Fear, either as a principle or a motive, is the beginning of all evil.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Childhood sometimes does pay a second visit to man; youth never.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Extreme vanity sometimes hides under the garb of ultra modesty.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

What we truly and earnestly aspire to be, that in some sense we are. The mere aspiration, by changing the frame of mind, for the moment realizes itself.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

All my experience of the world teaches me that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the safe side and the just side of a question is the generous side and the merciful side.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

As the presence of those we love is as a double life, so absence, in its anxious longing and sense of vacancy, is as a foretaste of death.

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All government, all exercise of power, no matter in what form, which is not based in love and directed by knowledge, is a tyranny.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Accuracy of language is one of the bulwarks of truth.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Modesty and chastity are twins

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Nature and truth are one, and immutable, and inseparable as beauty and love.

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To reason from analogy is often dangerous, but to illustrate by a fanciful analogy is sometimes a means by which we light an idea, as it were, into the understanding of another.

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Work in some form or other is the appointed lot of all.

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Never yet were the feelings and instincts of our nature violated with impunity; never yet was the voice of conscience silenced without retribution.

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Occupation was one of the pleasures of paradise, and we cannot be happy without it.

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There are no such self-deceivers as those who think they reason when they only feel.

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Genius and sunshine have this in common that they are the two most precious gifts of heaven to earth, and are dispensed equally to the just and the unjust.

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Conversation may be compared to a lyre with seven chords-philosophy,

art, poetry, love, scandal, and the weather.

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Fame is that which is known to exist by the echo of its footsteps through congenial minds.

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Have the courage to appear poor and you disarm poverty of its sharpest sting.

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The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already sown within us.

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A man may be as much a fool from the want of sensibility as the want of sense.

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A king or a prince becomes by accident a part of history. A poet or an artist becomes by nature and necessity a part of universal humanity.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

A bond is necessary to complete our being, only we must be careful that the bond does not become bondage.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

A Canadian settler hates a tree, regards it as his natural enemy, as something to be destroyed, eradicated, annihilated by all and any means.

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In our relations with the people around us, we forgive them more readily for what they do, which they can help, than for what they are, which they cannot help.

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We can sometimes love what we do not understand, but it is impossible completely to understand what we do not love.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Out of the attempt to harmonize our actual life with our aspirations, our experience with our faith, we make poetry, - or, it may be, religion.

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As the eye becomes blinded by fashion to positive deformity, so, through social conventionalism, the conscience becomes blinded to positive immorality.

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Now, it is a good sanitary principle, that what is curative is preventive.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Conflict, which rouses up the best and highest powers in some characters, in others not only jars the whole being, but paralyzes the faculties.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Even virtue itself, all perfect as it is, requires to be inspirited by passion; for duties are but coldly performed which are but philosophically fulfilled.

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A good taste is often unconscious; a just taste is always conscious.

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In the art of design, color is to form what verse is to prose,--a more harmonious and luminous vehicle of the thought.

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When we talk of leaving our childhood behind us, we might as well say that the river flowing onward to the sea had left the fountain behind.

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whatever is morally wrong, is equally wrong in man and in woman and no virtue is to be cultivated in one sex, that is not equally required by the other.

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Avarice is to the intellect what sensuality is to the morals.

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You must never believe what the newspapers say. I stand aghast at the impudence of the lies they contain, things not only false in fact, but absolutely impossible.

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the distinction between talent and genius is definite. Talent combines and uses; genius combines and creates.

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As the rolling stone gathers no moss, so the roving heart gathers no affections.

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The streams which would otherwise diverge to fertilize a thousand meadows, must be directed into one deep narrow channel before they can turn a mill.

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A cunning mind emphatically delights in its own cunning, and is the ready prey of cunning.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

As what we call genius arises out of the disproportionate power and size of a certain faculty, so the great difficulty lies in harmonizing with it the rest of the character.

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Satan--the impersonation of that mixture of the bestial, the malignant, the impious, and the hopeless, which constitute the fiend--the enemy of all that is human and divine.

~Anna Brownell Jameson

Chill penury weighs down the heart itself; and though it sometimes be endured with calmness, it is but the calmness of despair.

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If we can still love those who have made us suffer, we love them all the more.

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Opinion has ever been stronger than law.

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Of how many women might the history be comprised in those few words - 'she lived, suffered, and was buried'!

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Talk without truth is the hollow brass; talk without love is like the tinkling cymbal, and when it does not tinkle it jingles, and when it does not jingle, it jars.

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The moment one begins to solder right and wrong together, one's conscience becomes like a piece of plated goods.

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He that seeks popularity in art closes the door on his own genius: as he must needs paint for other minds, and not for his own.

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Blessed is the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted from the world. Yet more blessed and more dear the memory of those who have kept themselves unspotted in the world.

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