

Bernard DeVoto

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The mind has its own logic but does not often let others in on it.

~Bernard DeVoto

You can no more keep a Martini in the refrigerator than you can keep a kiss there.

~Bernard DeVoto

History abhors determinism but cannot tolerate chance.

~Bernard DeVoto

When evening quickens in the street, comes a pause in the day's occupation that is known as the cocktail hour.

~Bernard DeVoto

The best reason for putting anything down on paper is that one may then change it.

~Bernard DeVoto

The West begins where the average annual rainfall drops below twenty inches. When you reach the line which marks that drop - for convenience, the one hundredth meridian - you have reached the West.

~Bernard DeVoto

The trouble with Reason is that it becomes meaningless at the exact point where it refuses to act.

~Bernard DeVoto

Something can be done with people who put pickled onions in: strangulation seems best.

~Bernard DeVoto

The trouble with the sacred Individual is that he has no significance, except as he can acquire it from others, from the social whole.

~Bernard DeVoto

A novelist has made a fictional representation of life. In doing so, he has revealed to us more significance, it may be, than he could find in life itself.

~Bernard DeVoto

The only places where American medicine can fully live up to its possibilities are the teaching hospitals.

~Bernard DeVoto

The dawn of knowledge is usually the false dawn.

~Bernard DeVoto

The achieved West had given the United States something that no people had ever had before, an internal, domestic empire.

~Bernard DeVoto

Art is man determined to die sane.

~Bernard DeVoto

Art is the terms of an armistice signed with fate.

~Bernard DeVoto

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