

# Bruno Bettelheim

## Quotes

*Children, Parent, Play, Thinking, Giving, Believe, Art, Mother, World, Creativity,  
Ideas, Views, Book, Disappointment, Education, Natural, Insecure, Respect,  
Want, People*

What cannot be talked about cannot be put to rest. And if it is not, the wounds will fester from generation to generation.

~Bruno Bettelheim

You can't teach children to be good. The best you can do for your child is to live a good life yourself. What a parent knows and believes, the child will lean on.

~Bruno Bettelheim

The child intuitively comprehends that although these stories are unreal, they are not untrue.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Punishment may make us obey the orders we are given, but at best it will only teach an obedience to authority, not a self-control which enhances our self-respect.

~Bruno Bettelheim

If we hope to live not just from moment to moment, but in true consciousness of our existence, then our greatest need and most difficult achievement is to find meaning in our lives.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Play reaches the habits most needed for intellectual growth.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Television captures the mind but does not liberate it. A good book at once stimulates and frees the mind.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Raising children is a creative endeavor, an art rather than a science.

~Bruno Bettelheim

You cannot have sex education without saying that sex is natural and

that most people find it pleasurable.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Not only is our love for our children sometimes tinged with annoyance, discouragement, and disappointment, the same is true for the love our children feel for us.

~Bruno Bettelheim

The ability to read becomes devalued when what one has learned to read adds nothing of importance to one's life.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Creativity stands at the center of all education.

~Bruno Bettelheim

The question for the child is not Do I want to be good? but Whom do I want to be like?

~Bruno Bettelheim

The fear of failure is so great, it is no wonder that the desire to do right by one's children has led to a whole library of books offering advice on how to raise them

~Bruno Bettelheim

No longer can we be satisfied with a life where the heart has its reasons which reason cannot know. Our hearts must know the world of reason, and reason must be guided by an informed heart.

~Bruno Bettelheim

Since there are thousands of fairy tales, one may safely guess that there are probably equal numbers where the courage and determination of females rescue males, and vice versa.

~Bruno Bettelheim

From a child's play, we can gain understanding of how he sees and construes the world--what he would like it to be, what his concerns are, what problems are besetting him.

~Bruno Bettelheim

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