

Catherine Drinker Bowen Quotes

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Music, Want, Guests, Empty, Peace, Eye, Life, Ink, Arrogance, Healing, Identity*

Chamber music - a conversation between friends.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

For your born writer, nothing is so healing as the realization that he has come upon the right word.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Writing, I think, is not apart from living. Writing is a kind of double living. The writer experiences everything twice. Once in reality and once in that mirror which waits always before or behind.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

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What the writer needs is an empty day ahead.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Biographers, by their very nature, want to know everything about everybody, dead or alive.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

History is, in its essence, exciting; to present it as dull is, to my mind, stark and unforgivable misrepresentation.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Artists often think they are going to die before their time. They seem to possess a heightened sense of the passing of the hours.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

If art has a purpose, it is to interpret life, reproduce it in fresh visions.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

In writing biography, fact and fiction shouldn't be mixed. And if they are,

the fictional points should be printed in red ink, the facts printed in black ink.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

There is a marvelous turn and trick to British arrogance; its apparent unconsciousness makes it twice as effectual.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Many a man who has known himself at ten forgets himself utterly between ten and thirty.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Writers seldom choose as friends those self-contained characters who are never in trouble, never unhappy or ill, never make mistakes, and always count their change when it is handed to them.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

Great artists treasure their time with a bitter and snarling miserliness.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

What pioneer ever had chart and a lighthouse to steer by?

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

your concert-goer, though he feed upon symphony as a lamb upon milk, is no true lover if he play no instrument. Your true lover does more than admire the muse; he sweats a little in her service.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

A woman's biography - with about eight famous historical exceptions - so often turns out to be the story of a man and the woman who helped his career.

~Catherine Drinker Bowen

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