

Diana Trilling Quotes

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Unrecognized alcoholism is the ruling pathology among writers and intellectuals.

~Diana Trilling

There's much to be said for challenging fate instead of ducking behind it.

~Diana Trilling

We lived our lives as if life was forever. To live one's life without a sense of time is to squander it.

~Diana Trilling

Ideology is the sterner face of myth and we're a myth-making people.

~Diana Trilling

Touch a university with hostile hands and the blood you draw is prompt, copious, and real.

~Diana Trilling

Surely going to bed with a man before marriage was the most courageous act of my life.

~Diana Trilling

I regard the whole of my life as having been lived in an anxious world.

~Diana Trilling

Writers are what they write, also what they fail to write.

~Diana Trilling

Long-married couples balance their checkbooks as a substitute for love-making, or they refuse each other love by protesting one another's financial error or excess.

~Diana Trilling

I learned early in life that to laugh before breakfast was to cry before dinner.

~Diana Trilling

Where there are children, people become neighbors; they don't merely hold property adjacent to one another.

~Diana Trilling

Behind the contained and orderly lives we lead as members of the respectable middle class there's a terrible human capacity that may one day overwhelm any of us.

~Diana Trilling

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