

# Dorothy Canfield Fisher Quotes

*Thinking, Men, Long, People, Character, Wish, Gossip, Vermont, Luck, Sex,  
Funny, Eggs, Beauty, Children, Persons, Family, Music, Individual, Knows,  
Nurse*

A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Some people think that doctors and nurses can put scrambled eggs back into the shell.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

No Vermont town ever let anybody in it starve.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

The actions of a human being, even of fifteen months of age, may not be without significance to a sympathetic eye.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

What a fearfully distracting, perplexing and heart-searching business it is to live.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Freedom is not worth fighting for if it means no more than license for everyone to get as much as he can for himself.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Libraries are the vessels in which the seed corn for the future is stored.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is that it's such a nice change from being young.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Vermont is the only place in America where I ever hear thrift spoken of with respect.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

What's the use of inventing a better system as long as there just aren't enough folks with sense to go around?

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

A mom isn't an individual to lean on, but a person to generate leaning needless.

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perhaps all this modern ferment of what's known as 'social conscience' or 'civic responsibility' isn't a result of the sense of duty, but of the old, old craving for beauty.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

help that is not positively necessary is a hindrance to a growing organism.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

it was always insolent for a common man to take a chair in the presence of a lady - the word LADY, we may be sure, capitalized in her mind, and denoting not sex but rank.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Taking somebody's sacrifices is like taking counterfeit money. You're only the poorer.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

What is life, but one long risk?

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

There is no human relationship more intimate than that of nurse and patient, one in which the essentials of character are more rawly revealed.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

the encounter with death is the great turning-point in the lives of those who live on.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Life takes hold of us with strong hands and makes us greater than we thought.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Almost anything is enough to keep alive someone who wishes nothing for himself but time to write music.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

You think religion is what's inside a little building filled with pretty lights from stained glass windows. But it's not. It's wings! Wings!

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

there's no such thing as luck. Nothing ever just happens to anybody. ... nothing can really happen to a person till he lets it happen.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

You can't wish a body any worse luck than to get what he wants.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

On New Year's Day every calendar, large and small, has the same number of dates. But we soon learn that the years are of very different lengths.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

History is worth reading when it tells us truly what the attitude toward life was in the past.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

There's no healthy life possible without some sensual feeling between the husband and wife, but there's nothing in the world more awful than

married life when it's the only common ground.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

gossip ... is only fiction produced by non-professionals.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

the most elementary experience of life proves that the effects of compulsion last exactly as long as the physical or moral club can be applied.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

I'm as fixed in my opinion as the man who thought he was a hard-boiled egg.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Professional psychologists seem to think that they are the only people who make sense out of human actions. The rest of us know that everybody tries to do just this. What else is gossip?

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

don't let anything make you believe that there are not as many decent men in the world as women, and they're just as decent. Life isn't worth living unless you know that - and it's true.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Father sticks to it that anything that promises to pay too much can't help being risky.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

What better can any of us do than to reach for our own stars ... and know which they are?

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

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