

Eduardo Galeano

Quotes

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We are all mortal until the first kiss and the second glass of wine.

~Eduardo Galeano

Many small people, in small places, doing small things can change the world.

~Eduardo Galeano

Scientists say that human beings are made of atoms, but a little bird told me that we are also made of stories

~Eduardo Galeano

The Church says: the body is a sin. Science says: the body is a machine. Advertising says: The body is a business. The Body says: I am a fiesta.

~Eduardo Galeano

We are what we do, especially what we do to change what we are.

~Eduardo Galeano

I am not particularly interested in saving time; I prefer to enjoy it.

~Eduardo Galeano

I can't sleep. There is a woman stuck between my eyelids. I would tell her to get out if I could. But there is a woman stuck in my throat

~Eduardo Galeano

In his life, a man can change wives, political parties or religions but he cannot change his favourite soccer team.

~Eduardo Galeano

Most of wars or military coups or invasions are done in the name of democracy against democracy.

~Eduardo Galeano

Richness in the world is a result of other people's poverty. We should begin to shorten the abyss between haves and have-nots.

~Eduardo Galeano

History never really says goodbye. History says, see you later.

~Eduardo Galeano

Recordar: To remember; from the Latin records, to pass back through the heart

~Eduardo Galeano

The walls are the publishers of the poor.

~Eduardo Galeano

The human rainbow had been mutilated by machismo, racism, militarism and a lot of other isms, who have been terribly killing our greatness, our possible greatness, our possible beauty.

~Eduardo Galeano

Each time a new war is disclosed in the name of the fight of the good against evil, those who are killed are all poor. It's always the same story repeating once and again and again.

~Eduardo Galeano

In the struggle of good against evil, it's always the people who get killed.

~Eduardo Galeano

I don't believe in charity. I believe in solidarity.

~Eduardo Galeano

Indignation must always be the answer to indignity. Reality is not destiny.

~Eduardo Galeano

If the world is upside down the way it is now, wouldn't we have to turn it over to get it to stand up straight?

~Eduardo Galeano

Unlike solidarity, which is horizontal and takes place between equals, charity is top-down, humiliating those who receive it and never challenging the implicit power relations.

~Eduardo Galeano

I'm a writer obsessed with remembering, with remembering the past of America and above all that of Latin America, intimate land condemned to amnesia.

~Eduardo Galeano

Always in all my books I'm trying to reveal or help to reveal the hidden greatness of the small, of the little, of the unknown - and the pettiness of the big.

~Eduardo Galeano

If the grape is made of wine, then perhaps we are the words that tell who we are

~Eduardo Galeano

Writing is a marvelous adventure and very labor-intensive: those words run away and try to escape. They are very difficult to capture.

~Eduardo Galeano

Because every single one of us has something to say to the others, something that deserves to be celebrated or forgiven by others

~Eduardo Galeano

The world is a heap of people, a sea of tiny flames.

~Eduardo Galeano

There are some writers who feel they are elected by God. I am not. I am elected by the devil - this is clear.

~Eduardo Galeano

Charity, vertical, humiliates. Solidarity, horizontal, helps.

~Eduardo Galeano

So many stories, and to choose which ones to tell and how to tell them. The words, they will tap me on the shoulder and they will speak to me: Tell me! Tell me! The stories choose me.

~Eduardo Galeano

The world is becoming an immense military base, and that base is becoming a mental hospital the size of the world. Inside the nuthouse, which ones are crazy?

~Eduardo Galeano

The human murder by poverty in Latin America is secret: every year, without making a sound, three Hiroshima bombs explode over communities that have become accustomed to suffering with clenched teeth.

~Eduardo Galeano

When a book is alive, really alive, you feel it. You put it to your ear here, and you feel it breathe, sometimes laugh, sometimes cry, just like a person, a little person.

~Eduardo Galeano

The world is organised by the war economy and the war culture.

~Eduardo Galeano

It is highly improbable that the bureaucrat will put his life on the line. It is absolutely impossible that he'll put his job on the line.

~Eduardo Galeano

I like Messi because he doesn't think he is Messi.

~Eduardo Galeano

Memory. My poison, my food.

~Eduardo Galeano

Development develops inequality.

~Eduardo Galeano

In this world of ours, a world of powerful centers and subjugated outposts, there is no wealth that must not be held in some suspicion.

~Eduardo Galeano

The purpose of torture is not getting information. It's spreading fear.

~Eduardo Galeano

...because of forced globalization, there's a clear trend these days towards uniformity. This trend comes largely from the ever-greater concentration of power in the hands of large media groups.

~Eduardo Galeano

Soccer, metaphor for war, at times turns into real war.

~Eduardo Galeano

I am not a historian. I am a writer obsessed with remembering, with remembering the past

~Eduardo Galeano

The poet, distracted by politics, asks of poetry that it make itself useful like metal or flour, that it get ready to stain its face with coal dust and fight body to body.

~Eduardo Galeano

I have never killed anybody, it is true, but it is because I lacked the

courage or the time, not because I lacked the desire

~Eduardo Galeano

We Latins are known for jabbering on.

~Eduardo Galeano

Schools teach ignorance.

~Eduardo Galeano

The more freedom is extended to business, the more prisons have to be built for those who suffer from that business.

~Eduardo Galeano

There are visible and invisible dictators. The power structure of world football is monarchical. It's the most secret kingdom in the world.

~Eduardo Galeano

Latin America is part of the world which was for many years condemned to the system of power where intimidation had more strength than the vote.

~Eduardo Galeano

This work is a torture on the rump but a joy to the heart.

~Eduardo Galeano

For sailors who love the wind, memory is a good port of departure.

~Eduardo Galeano

The wages Haiti requires by law belong in the department of science fiction: actual wages on coffee plantations vary from \$.07 to \$.15 a day

~Eduardo Galeano

I'm attracted to soccer's capacity for beauty. When well played, the game is a dance with a ball.

~Eduardo Galeano

The division of labor among nations is that some specialize in winning and others in losing.

~Eduardo Galeano

There are those who believe destiny rests at the feet of the gods, but the truth is that it confronts the conscious of man with a burning challenge.

~Eduardo Galeano

If the past has nothing to say to the present, history may go on sleeping undisturbed in the closet where the system keeps its old disguises.

~Eduardo Galeano

A pretty move, for the love of God.

~Eduardo Galeano

Any open net was an unforgivable crime meriting immediate punishment, and [Di Stefano] carried out the sentence by stabbing at it like a mischievous elf.

~Eduardo Galeano

Soccer is a feast for the eyes that watch it and a joy for the body that plays it

~Eduardo Galeano

His legs have a mind of their own, his foot shoots by itself... Roberto Baggio is a big horsetail that flicks away opponents as he flows forward in an elegant wave.

~Eduardo Galeano

I am quite prehistoric, absolutely prehistoric.

~Eduardo Galeano

A unipolar world - one with only one power - makes sure that this space almost disappears. In a multipolar world this space multiplies. Therefore, there is nostalgia for a multipolar world.

~Eduardo Galeano

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