

Eiji Yoshikawa

Quotes

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Expression, Doubt, Mountain, Disguise, Life And Death, Crow, Spirit, Stuck,
Great Character*

Love was like a toothache.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The greatest happiness of life was to stand at the difficult border between success and failure.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

When a woman dislikes the man who is courting her, she parries him cleverly, like a willow in the wind.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Danger was the grindstone on which the swordsman whetted his spirit. Enemies were teachers in disguise.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The summit is believed to be the object of the climb. But its true object--the joy of living--is not in the peak itself, but in the adversities encountered on the way up.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Not only must a warrior be strong with his bow, but he must have a heart full of pity for all living creatures.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

It is easy to crush an enemy outside oneself but impossible to defeat an enemy within.

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It's no good to want to win still more when you have already won.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Every act is an expression of one's self.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Great character is forged through hardships.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The line between life and death is not thicker than an eyelid.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

I want to dedicate myself to training and discipline. I want to spend every moment of every day working to improve myself.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

It's interesting, isn't it? Being in the world.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

I want to lead an important life. I want to do it because I was born a human being.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

There's not much benefit in attacking an empty house.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

It is easy to surpass a predecessor, but difficult to avoid being surpassed by a successor.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Hold on to your life and make it honest and brave.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Monks transgress the Laws of the Buddha, stir up the common people, store wealth and weapons, and spread rumors; under the guise of religion, they are nothing more than self-serving agitators.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Sincerity, even if it speaks with a stutter, will sound eloquent when inspired.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The bitter winds in February were sometimes called the First East Winds, but the longing for spring somehow made them seem more piercing.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Think what you like. There are people who die by remaining alive and others who gain life by dying.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The truth of the scholar, alone in his study, does not always accord with what the world at large considers to be true.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

A wise man who cultivates wisdom may sometimes drown in it.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Don't yield! Keep up your courage! The same sun looks down on all of us!

~Eiji Yoshikawa

If a man wanted to put the entire universe in his breast, he couldn't do it with his chest stuck out.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

The world is a stone wall ... and they have put the stones so close together that there is not a single crack through which one may enter.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Oh, you crows! Feast away! What a spread! Soup straight from the eye sockets! And thick red sake! But don't have too much Or you'll surely

get drunk.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

Beyond the shadow of a doubt, food was more important than a woman's suffering.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

To the courtiers flushed with wine, life was pleasure, and pleasure life.

~Eiji Yoshikawa

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