

Elliott Erwitt

Quotes

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The whole point of taking pictures is so that you don't have to explain things with words.

~Elliott Erwitt

Covering a historic event is perfectly legitimate. It's not sneaking into somebody's boudoir... These people belong to history, and not to record that if you have the opportunity would be wrong.

~Elliott Erwitt

Color is descriptive. Black and white is interpretive.

~Elliott Erwitt

After following the crowd for a while, I'd then go 180 degrees in the exact opposite direction. It always worked for me.

~Elliott Erwitt

Working myself into a position of total versatility, so that I can do anything I want to do at the time I want to do it. Whether I do it or not is another question.

~Elliott Erwitt

All the technique in the world doesn't compensate for the inability to notice.

~Elliott Erwitt

Somehow Photoshop and the ease with which one can produce an image has degraded the quality of photography in general.

~Elliott Erwitt

Nothing happens when you sit at home. I always make it a point to carry a camera with me at all times...I just shoot at what interests me at that moment.

~Elliott Erwitt

Photography is pretty simple stuff. You just react to what you see, and take many, many pictures.

~Elliott Erwitt

I like things that have to do with what is real, elegant, well presented and without excessive style. In other words, just fine observation.

~Elliott Erwitt

It's about time we started to take photography seriously and treat it as a hobby.

~Elliott Erwitt

Most photographers work best alone, myself included.

~Elliott Erwitt

I appreciate simplicity, true beauty that lasts over time, and a little wit and eclecticism that make life more fun.

~Elliott Erwitt

I'm not a serious photographer like many of my contemporaries. That is to say, I am serious about not being serious.

~Elliott Erwitt

I'm an amateur photographer, apart from being a professional one, and I think maybe my amateur pictures are the better ones.

~Elliott Erwitt

You can find pictures anywhere. It's simply a matter of noticing things and organizing them.

~Elliott Erwitt

I'll always be an amateur photographer.

~Elliott Erwitt

Photography is simply a function of noticing things.

~Elliott Erwitt

If you're not a curious person, you're certainly not going to be a good photographer.

~Elliott Erwitt

You don't study photography. You do it.

~Elliott Erwitt

It's just seeing - at least the photography I care about. You either see or you don't see. The rest is academic. Anyone can learn how to develop. It's how you organize what you see into a picture.

~Elliott Erwitt

I don't really have a favorite camera. I use a Leica and Canon a lot. It depends, especially professionally, on the requirements. But my carry-around camera is a Leica.

~Elliott Erwitt

You must have a visual sense if you want to be a photographer. It is a very subtle thing, this visual business.

~Elliott Erwitt

A picture should be looked at - not talked about.

~Elliott Erwitt

If you keep your cool, you'll get everything.

~Elliott Erwitt

Something catches your eye, or your interest. You attack it in some way or observe it in some way, and try to put it in some kind of form and take a picture. It's as simple as that.

~Elliott Erwitt

The work I care about is terribly simple. I observe. I try to entertain. But above all I want my pictures to be emotional. Little else interests me in photography.

~Elliott Erwitt

Be sure to take the lens cap off before photographing.

~Elliott Erwitt

You don't study photography, you just do it.

~Elliott Erwitt

I wasn't imposing my presence on anyone, which is very important for a would- be journalist. I stayed back. Always let people be themselves.

~Elliott Erwitt

I've been around so long, most editors think I'm dead.

~Elliott Erwitt

Now very often events are set up for photographers... The weddings are orchestrated about the photographers taking the picture, because if it hasn't been photographed it doesn't really exist.

~Elliott Erwitt

A visual sense is something you either have or you don't.

~Elliott Erwitt

If your subjects are eternal... they'll survive.

~Elliott Erwitt

You have to devote yourself totally to be successful at it.

~Elliott Erwitt

All of my marriages lasted seven years.

~Elliott Erwitt

The advantage of taking pictures of the famous is that they get published.

~Elliott Erwitt

I enjoy nothing more than spending time with my loved ones, young and old, and at least once a year we get together for a formal family photograph.

~Elliott Erwitt

I am a professional photographer by trade and an amateur photographer by vocation.

~Elliott Erwitt

I am serious about not being serious.

~Elliott Erwitt

The best things happen when you just happen to be somewhere with a camera.

~Elliott Erwitt

When I get up in the morning I brush my teeth and go about my business, and if I am going anywhere interesting I take my camera along.

~Elliott Erwitt

I like museums in Berlin a lot, especially in the eastern part. They're extraordinarily good.

~Elliott Erwitt

Quality â€¦ has to do with intention.

~Elliott Erwitt

My life has been quite interesting professionally.

~Elliott Erwitt

Dogs don't mind being photographed in compromising situations.

~Elliott Erwitt

I dislike landscapes. I only like people, and plastic flowers.

~Elliott Erwitt

Do what the client wants, not what you want.

~Elliott Erwitt

My 'work' is about seeing not about ideas.

~Elliott Erwitt

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