

Eve Arnold Quotes

*People, Cameras, Photography, World, Use, Long, Reality, Thinking, Giving,
Mind, Photographer, Curiosity, Musician, Important, Special, Birth, I Can, Black,
Children, Needs*

If you are careful with people, they will offer you part of themselves. That is the big secret.

~Eve Arnold

If a photographer cares about the people before the lens and is compassionate, much is given. It is the photographer, not the camera, that is the instrument.

~Eve Arnold

I think if I ever get satisfied, I'll have to stop. It's the frustration that drives you.

~Eve Arnold

If the photographer is interested in the people in front of his lens, and if he is compassionate, it's already a lot. The instrument is not the camera but the photographer.

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I didn't want to be a woman photographer. That would limit me. I wanted to be a photographer who was a woman, with all the world open to my camera.

~Eve Arnold

What do you hang on the walls of your mind?

~Eve Arnold

I don't see anybody as either ordinary or extraordinary. I see them simply as people in front of my lens.

~Eve Arnold

Lesson number one: Pay attention to the intrusion of the camera.

~Eve Arnold

I found a way of working which pleased me because I didn't have to frighten people with heavy equipment. It was that little black box and me.

~Eve Arnold

It's the hardest thing in the world to take the mundane and try to show how special it is.

~Eve Arnold

It doesn't matter if you use a box camera or you use a Leica; the important thing is what motivates you when you are photographing.

~Eve Arnold

Being a woman is just a marvelous plus in photographing. Men like to be photographed by women, it becomes flirtatious and fun, and women feel less as if they're expected to be in a relationship.

~Eve Arnold

I love the idea I can go off with a single camera and a few rolls of film unencumbered... I was not interested in the illusion of reality, I wanted to get close to what was happening.

~Eve Arnold

What I have tried to do is involve the people I was photographing... if they were willing to give, I was willing to photograph.

~Eve Arnold

Themes recur again and again in my work.

~Eve Arnold

You can't make a great musician or a great photographer if the magic isn't there.

~Eve Arnold

What you need to be a good photographer is an overwhelming curiosity and a good digestion.

~Eve Arnold

I can't hold a camera anymore.

~Eve Arnold

What has changed is that when I photographed, most people that I photographed didn't have the right of refusal on their work. It would take a Marilyn Monroe at her height to be able to dictate that.

~Eve Arnold

I came to photography by accident.

~Eve Arnold

What drove me and kept me going over the decades? If I had to use a single word, it would be 'curiosity.

~Eve Arnold

You should never reveal your true age.

~Eve Arnold

I had in mind a long career.

~Eve Arnold

I realize that I had the best of serious picture journalism.

~Eve Arnold

A studio session ... provides the greatest chance for control. Even though there is total freedom, I still dislike studio photography and the contrived images that usually stem from this genre.

~Eve Arnold

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