

Georg Brandes Quotes

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I encountered among my comrades the most varied human traits, from frankness to reserve, from goodness, uprightness and kindness, to brutality and baseness.

~Georg Brandes

The person upon whom the schoolboys' attention centred was, of course, the Headmaster.

~Georg Brandes

A love for humanity came over me, and watered and fertilised the fields of my inner world which had been lying fallow, and this love of humanity vented itself in a vast compassion.

~Georg Brandes

Poor is the power of the lead that becomes bullets compared to the power of the hot metal that becomes types.

~Georg Brandes

I did not know what it was to be happy for a whole day at a time, scarcely for an hour.

~Georg Brandes

Among the delights of Summer were picnics to the woods.

~Georg Brandes

He who does not understand a joke, he does not understand Danish.

~Georg Brandes

The Danish glee: the national version of cheerfulness.

~Georg Brandes

I was not given to looking at life in a rosy light.

~Georg Brandes

Being gifted needs courage.

~Georg Brandes

It was jolly in the country. A cow and little pigs to play with and milk warm from the cow.

~Georg Brandes

The stream of time sweeps away errors, and leaves the truth for the inheritance of humanity.

~Georg Brandes

But when I was twelve years old I caught my first strong glimpse of one of the fundamental forces of existence, whose votary I was destined to be for life - namely, Beauty.

~Georg Brandes

I was always hearing that I was pale and thin and small.

~Georg Brandes

That a literature in our time is living is shown in that way that it debates problems.

~Georg Brandes

I became an ardent, but never a specially good, dancer.

~Georg Brandes

Birth was something that came quite unexpectedly, and afterwards there was one child more in the house.

~Georg Brandes

But my doubt would not be overcome. Kierkegaard had declared that it was only to the consciousness of sin that Christianity was not horror or madness. For me it was sometimes both.

~Georg Brandes

It is useless to send armies against ideas.

~Georg Brandes

Those [Christians] had left to love on earth were then: brothers and sisters in hatred, whom they called then: brothers and sisters in love.

~Georg Brandes

I was at home then in the world of figures, but not in that of values.

~Georg Brandes

I was not afraid of what I did not like. To overcome dislike of a thing often satisfied one's feeling of honour.

~Georg Brandes

I was a town child, it is true, but that did not prevent me enjoying open-air life, with plants and animals.

~Georg Brandes

When I was a little boy I did not, of course, trouble much about my appearance.

~Georg Brandes

On the whole, the world was friendly. It chiefly depended on whether one were good or not.

~Georg Brandes

But I did not find any positive inspiration in my studies until I approached my nineteenth year.

~Georg Brandes

The war imbued my tin soldiers with quite a new interest. It was impossible to have boxes enough of them.

~Georg Brandes

It gradually dawned upon me that there was no one more difficult to please than my mother.

~Georg Brandes

What is public opinion? It is private indolence.

~Georg Brandes

The society of the Culture-Philistines makes life a burden to exceptional men.

~Georg Brandes

School is a foretaste of life.

~Georg Brandes

I admired in others the strength that I lacked myself.

~Georg Brandes

Instead of trying to educate the human race, they should imitate the pedagogues of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, who concentrated their efforts on the education of a single person.

~Georg Brandes

The crowd will follow a leader who marches twenty paces ahead of them, but if he is a thousand paces ahead of them, they will neither see nor follow him.

~Georg Brandes

The appalling thing about war is that it kills all love of truth.

~Georg Brandes

We need only think of the number of talented men who sooner or later make their apologies and concessions to philistinism, so as to be permitted to exist.

~Georg Brandes

The great man is not the child of his age but its step-child.

~Georg Brandes

The educator shall help the young to educate themselves in opposition to the age.

~Georg Brandes

Greatness has nothing to do with results or with success.

~Georg Brandes

I came into the world two months too soon, I was in such a hurry.

~Georg Brandes

Any feeling that I was enriching my mind from those surrounding me was unfortunately rare with me.

~Georg Brandes

Dostoevsky preaches the morality of the pariah, the morality of the slave.

~Georg Brandes

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