

George Grosz

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The cult of individuality and personality, which promotes painters and poets only to promote itself, is really a business. The greater the 'genius' of the personage, the greater the profit.

~George Grosz

My drawings and paintings were done as an act of protest; I was trying by means of my work to convince the world that it is ugly, sick and hypocritical.

~George Grosz

How did I come to be an artist ? Endless curiosity, observation, research - and a great amount of joy in the thing

~George Grosz

Very little changed fundamentally, except that the proud German soldier had turned into a defeated bundle of misery and the great German army had disintegrated.

~George Grosz

I had grown up in a humanist atmosphere, and war to me was never anything but horror, mutilation and senseless destruction, and I knew that many great and wise people felt the same way about it.

~George Grosz

It's an old ploy of the bourgeoisie. They keep a standing 'art' to defend their collapsing culture.

~George Grosz

What can I say about the First World War, a war in which I served as an infantryman, a war I hated at the start and to which I never warmed as it proceeded?

~George Grosz

The war was a mirror; it reflected man's every virtue and every vice,

and if you looked closely, like an artist at his drawings, it showed up both with unusual clarity.

~George Grosz

I thought the war would never end. And perhaps it never did, either.

~George Grosz

The neutrality and clarity of an engineering drawing is a better model for teaching about art than all the uncontrollable drivel about the cabbala and metaphysics and the ecstasy of sainthood.

~George Grosz

Peace was declared, but not all of us were drunk with joy or stricken blind.

~George Grosz

Painting is manual labor, no different from any other; it can be done well or poorly.

~George Grosz

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