

Gertrude Atherton

Quotes

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Wings, Mind, Brain, Art, Civilization, Rich, Race, Want, Fire*

Writing was my real life and I was more at home with the people of my imagination than with the best I met in the objective world.

~Gertrude Atherton

Never trust a woman who will not lie about her age after thirty. She is unwomanly and unhuman and there is no knowing what crimes she will commit.

~Gertrude Atherton

The final result of too much routine is death in life.

~Gertrude Atherton

Every leader of a great revolution is a fanatic and a Jesuit.

~Gertrude Atherton

The human mind has an infinite capacity for self-deception.

~Gertrude Atherton

All women want to be understood until they understand themselves.

~Gertrude Atherton

there is only one thing we do know and that is that we do not know anything.

~Gertrude Atherton

the only revenge worth having is success.

~Gertrude Atherton

Success is a great healer.

~Gertrude Atherton

The only two good words that can be said for a hurricane are that it gives sufficient warning of its approach, and that it blows from one point of the compass at a time.

~Gertrude Atherton

... the irony of life is not that you cannot forget but that you can.

~Gertrude Atherton

We never care to know new people unless we are sure we shall like them.

~Gertrude Atherton

Our impulses are our birthright. To alter personality would be unjust, almost criminal, for the impulses that make a fool or worse of us in certain circumstances may be necessary for our happiness.

~Gertrude Atherton

there is no greater fraud or bore than the writer who has acquired the art of saying nothing brilliantly.

~Gertrude Atherton

It is seldom that the imagination is disappointed in the 'ancestral piles' of England.

~Gertrude Atherton

The very commonplaces of life are components of its eternal mystery.

~Gertrude Atherton

There is nothing so carking as the pangs of unsatisfied curiosity.

~Gertrude Atherton

The minority of one generation is usually the majority of the next.

~Gertrude Atherton

A little superstition is a good thing to keep in one's bag of precautions.

~Gertrude Atherton

orthodoxy is a fixed habit of mind. The average man and woman hug their orthodoxies and spit their venom on those that outrage them.

~Gertrude Atherton

A man is more than one being in his life. If the last persists, why not the first? If there be a hereafter for his age, why not for his youth?

~Gertrude Atherton

California has all the beauties of youth as well as its idiocies and vices.

~Gertrude Atherton

nothing in life is more corroding than habit.

~Gertrude Atherton

If you can't get the very best in this world, take nothing.

~Gertrude Atherton

The Southerners are the only cooks in the United States. The real difference between the South and the North is that one enjoys itself getting dyspepsia and the other does not.

~Gertrude Atherton

I am a Californian, and we have twice the individuality and originality of any people in the United States. We always get quite huffy when we are spoken of as merely Americans.

~Gertrude Atherton

No loose fish enters our quiet bay.

~Gertrude Atherton

Civilization in certain respects is as inadequate as it was a thousand years ago.

~Gertrude Atherton

Self-admiration giveth much consolation.

~Gertrude Atherton

the best of all good friends is pride.

~Gertrude Atherton

power, after it has ceased from troubling, is the dominant passion in human nature.

~Gertrude Atherton

New York has always prided itself on its bad manners. That is the real source of our strength.

~Gertrude Atherton

her age was that indeterminate mixture of everlasting youth and anticipated wisdom which is the glory and the curse of genius.

~Gertrude Atherton

The French are a race of individuals. There is no type.

~Gertrude Atherton

stoicism is the fundamental characteristic of the French.

~Gertrude Atherton

Nursing is not only a natural vocation for a woman, but an occupation which increases her matrimonial chances about eighty per cent.

~Gertrude Atherton

... France is the genius among nations.

~Gertrude Atherton

[Alexander] Hamilton estimated portrait painters as thieves of time.

~Gertrude Atherton

Has it ever occurred to you, that the rich are at the mercy of the poor, not the poor at that of the rich? Who permits us to be rich if not the poor?

~Gertrude Atherton

if there's a spirit world why don't the ghosts of dead artists get together and inhibit bad playwrights from tormenting first-nighters?

~Gertrude Atherton

... books are too heterogeneous an interest to furnish a vital one in life, a reason for being alive.

~Gertrude Atherton

No matter how hard a man may labor, some woman is always in the background of his mind. She is the one reward of virtue.

~Gertrude Atherton

In times of panic man seems to exchange his soul for a tail.

~Gertrude Atherton

Better extirpate the whole breed, root and branch. And this, unless the German people come to their senses, is what we propose to do.

~Gertrude Atherton

The world changed somewhat in form during its progress, but never in substance.

~Gertrude Atherton

Men are not amusing during the shooting season; but, after all, my dear, men were not especially designed to amuse women.

~Gertrude Atherton

Whether you fail or set the world on fire cannot make so very much difference if only you have the opportunity to try for it, to work for it, to

think of nothing else!

~Gertrude Atherton

Oh, what is young love! The urge of the race. A blaze that ends in babies or ashes.

~Gertrude Atherton

I see no present solution of a great and intricate problem but that the rich should realize their duty to the poor.

~Gertrude Atherton

genius must ever be imperfect. Life is not long enough nor slow enough for both brain and character to grow side by side to superhuman proportions.

~Gertrude Atherton

It is a pretty trick of authors to make nature ever in sympathy with man, but as a matter of fact she seldom is.

~Gertrude Atherton

when I am alone in the forest I always say my prayers; and that occasional solitary communion with God is surely the only true religion for intelligent beings.

~Gertrude Atherton

No country can reach a high stage of civilization without a leisure class.

~Gertrude Atherton

The grief of childhood is terrible while it lasts, it is so abandoned and so all-possessing.

~Gertrude Atherton

It took me years to learn that character is fate and that no one can be

made over.

~Gertrude Atherton

Women love the lie that saves their pride, but never an unflattering truth.

~Gertrude Atherton

Nowhere can it rain harder and with a more tiresome persistence than in California during the brief season when it rains at all.

~Gertrude Atherton

To put a tempting face aside when duty demands every faculty is a lesson which takes most men longest to learn.

~Gertrude Atherton

Fame compensates for a column of wants.

~Gertrude Atherton

fiction is not only the historian of life but its apologist.

~Gertrude Atherton

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