

Irving Stone Quotes

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Someday my paintings will be hanging in the Louvre. [Vincent Van Gogh]

~Irving Stone

The best romance is inside marriage; the finest love stories come after the wedding, not before.

~Irving Stone

There are no faster or firmer friendships than those formed between people who love the same books.

~Irving Stone

I do not know a better cure for mental illness than a book.

~Irving Stone

Each of us has his own alphabet with which to create poetry.

~Irving Stone

Talent is cheap; dedication is expensive. It will cost you your life.

~Irving Stone

Pleasure is one of the most important things in life, as important as food or drink.

~Irving Stone

No artist is normal. Who happen to be normal cannot be an artist.

~Irving Stone

A man who has not suffered has nothing to tell with his paintings.

~Irving Stone

One should not become an artist because he can, but because he must. It is only for those who would be miserable without it.

~Irving Stone

Misery is the only thing in the world that has no end or edge.

~Irving Stone

How difficult it is to be simple.

~Irving Stone

There are neither good nor evil, only the existence and action.

~Irving Stone

He had been standing still; for an artist, one of the more painful forms of death.

~Irving Stone

He had always loved God. In his darkest hours he cried out, "God did not create us to abandon us.

~Irving Stone

...and rout the magical mystical moonlight with fierce proof of its own greater power to light, to heat, to make everything known.

~Irving Stone

Man's spirit grows hungry for art in the same way his stomach growls for food.

~Irving Stone

The real artist while he paints does not think of the sale, only of the need to make a beautiful living thing.

~Irving Stone

The most perfect guide is nature. Continue without fail to draw something every day.

~Irving Stone

When I have trouble writing, I step outside my studio into the garden

and pull weeds until my mind clears--I find weeding to be the best therapy there is for writer's block.

~Irving Stone

To try to understand another human being, to grapple for his ultimate depths, that is the most dangerous of human endeavors.

~Irving Stone

The one who has not seen Paris in the morning does not know how beautiful it is.

~Irving Stone

Morality is similar to religion - it is a somniferous drug which blinds people from seeing the squalor of their lives.

~Irving Stone

No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him.

~Irving Stone

God did not create us to abandon us.

~Irving Stone

...that horrible moment of suspense when the artist shows one of his creations to strange eyes for the first time.

~Irving Stone

How can a young person learn whether he chose the correct way? He thinks he has a special idea, and then he discovers that he is completely inappropriate for it.

~Irving Stone

Normal people do not create art.

~Irving Stone

Loneliness is a kind of prison. [Vincent Van Gogh]

~Irving Stone

Sometimes men are generous and forgiving, sometimes angry and blind.

~Irving Stone

You cannot be the good all the time â€” sometimes it is necessary to get angry. [Vincent Van Gogh]

~Irving Stone

Reading has always been the largest and most irreplaceable pleasure for Vincent; reading about other people's successes and failures, joys and sufferings seemed to bury his own failures.

~Irving Stone

The brooding is better than the joy because even if the heart fills with happiness, it still mourns.

~Irving Stone

... a canvas that I have covered is worth more than a blank canvas. My pretensions go no further; that is my right to paint, my reason for painting.

~Irving Stone

The maximum value of art is that it allows the artist to express himself.

~Irving Stone

I will be an artist. I am sure I will. [Vincent Van Gogh]

~Irving Stone

There is no thrill of mortal danger to surpass that of a lone man trying to create something that never existed before.

~Irving Stone

To be an artist is first to be a manual laborer.

~Irving Stone

It's freezing up here. What did you use to keep warm?" "Indignation," said Michelangelo. "Best fuel I know. Never burns out.

~Irving Stone

Do not call yourself old. A man is as old as the creative force within him.

~Irving Stone

From the biography of Freud, by Irving Stone, said by Freud's fiance after he teased her for being sweet, "Beware of truly sweet people. They have will of iron.

~Irving Stone

An artist would not rise above the mediocrity if he condemns it.

~Irving Stone

We...believe that art is religious, because it is one of man's highest aspirations. There is no such thing as pagan art, only good and bad art.

~Irving Stone

After all, the world is still great.

~Irving Stone

There's no love without pain.

~Irving Stone

He who loves lives, he who lives works, and he who works has bread.

~Irving Stone

Art is amoral; so is life. For me there are no obscene pictures or books;

there are only poorly conceived and poorly executed ones.

~Irving Stone

Every human life had its pattern that had to be worked out slowly to its ultimate conclusion.

~Irving Stone

An artist without ideas is a mendicant; barren, he goes begging among the hours.

~Irving Stone

From out of pain, beauty.

~Irving Stone

Drawing is the poet's written line, set down to see if there be a story worth telling, a truth worth revealing.

~Irving Stone

Life's not so bad after all. There are not only poison but also antidotes.

~Irving Stone

His mind was like a soup dish, wide and shallow; it could hold a small amount of nearly anything, but the slightest jarring spilled the soup into somebody's lap

~Irving Stone

It's so easy to love. The only hard thing is to be loved. [Vincent Van Gogh]

~Irving Stone

Being mad is even pleasant. But only a madman understands that.

~Irving Stone

What we know of others is our personal secret.

~Irving Stone

Bleed me of art, and there won't be enough liquid left in me to spit!
[Michelangelo Buonorotti]

~Irving Stone

Nature always resists the artist at the beginning.

~Irving Stone

Listen, my friend, all forms that exist in God's universe can be found in the human figure. A man's body and face can tell everything he represents. So how could I ever exhaust my interest in it?

~Irving Stone

The writer ... an athlete required to break the four-minute mile every morning.

~Irving Stone

Fortune is beastly - it is only suitable for cows and businessmen.

~Irving Stone

Religion will never show the way.

~Irving Stone

Reading is a stouthearted activity, disporting courage, keenness, stick-to-it-ness.

~Irving Stone

All artists are crackpots. And it's their finest feature.

~Irving Stone

Everyone has their own personality, its own character, and if he respects that, everything would finally fall over for good only.

~Irving Stone

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