

Isadora Duncan Quotes

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If I could tell you what it meant, there would be no point in dancing it

~Isadora Duncan

Dancing: The Highest Intelligence in the Freest Body.

~Isadora Duncan

You were once wild here. Don't let them tame you.

~Isadora Duncan

The Dance - it is the rhythm of all that dies in order to live again; it is the eternal rising of the sun.

~Isadora Duncan

My motto - sans limites.

~Isadora Duncan

Dance is the movement of the universe concentrated in an individual.

~Isadora Duncan

Movements are as eloquent as words.

~Isadora Duncan

Let us first teach little children to breathe, to vibrate, to feel, and to become one with the general harmony and movement of nature. Let us first produce a beautiful human being, a dancing child.

~Isadora Duncan

A dancer, if she is great, can give to the people something that they can carry with them forever. They can never forget it, and it has changed them, though they may never know it.

~Isadora Duncan

I am seeking that dance which might be the divine expression of the human spirit through the medium of the body's movement.

~Isadora Duncan

If I could say it, I would not have to dance it.

~Isadora Duncan

The dancer of the future will be one whose body & soul have grown so harmoniously together that the natural language of the soul will have become the movement of the body.

~Isadora Duncan

To awaken human emotion is the highest level of art.

~Isadora Duncan

There are joys so complete, so all perfect, that one should not survive them.

~Isadora Duncan

I was born by the sea, and I have noticed that all the great events of my life have taken place by the sea. My first idea of movement, of the dance, certainly came from the rhythm of the waves.

~Isadora Duncan

If I could explain, I wouldn't need to dance!

~Isadora Duncan

I have discovered the dance. I have discovered the art which has been lost for two thousand years

~Isadora Duncan

The artist is the only lover; he alone has the pure vision of beauty, and love is the vision of the soul when it is permitted to gaze upon immortal beauty.

~Isadora Duncan

So long as little children are allowed to suffer, there is no true love in this world.

~Isadora Duncan

The dancer's body is simply the luminous manifestation of the soul.

~Isadora Duncan

With what price we pay for the glory of motherhood.

~Isadora Duncan

I preach freedom of the mind through freedom of the body; women, for example - out of the prison of corsets.

~Isadora Duncan

All my life I have struggled to make one authentic gesture.

~Isadora Duncan

The finest inheritance you can give to a child is to allow it to make its own way, completely on its own feet.

~Isadora Duncan

America knows nothing of food, love, or art.

~Isadora Duncan

Master technique, so that technique NEVER prevents you from dancing.

~Isadora Duncan

I would rather live in Russia on black bread and vodka than in the United States at the best hotels. America knows nothing of food, love or art.

~Isadora Duncan

No flower of art ever fully blossomed save it was nourished by tears of

agony.

~Isadora Duncan

I see only the ideal. But no ideals have ever been fully successful on this earth.

~Isadora Duncan

The whole world is absolutely brought up on lies. We are fed nothing but lies. It begins with lies and half our lives we live with lies.

~Isadora Duncan

The only dance masters I could have were Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Walt Whitman and Nietzsche.

~Isadora Duncan

The Dance of the Future will have to become again a high religious art as it was with the Greeks. For art which is not religious is not art, it is mere merchandise

~Isadora Duncan

I do not teach children, I give them joy.

~Isadora Duncan

Any intelligent woman who reads the marriage contract, and then goes into it, deserves all the consequences.

~Isadora Duncan

The first essential in writing about anything is that the writer should have no experience of the matter.

~Isadora Duncan

Most human beings today waste some 25 to 30 years of their lives before they break through the actual and conventional lies which surround them.

~Isadora Duncan

These people seemed so enwrapped in snobbishness and the glory of being rich that they had no art sense whatever.

~Isadora Duncan

Will and energy sometimes prove greater than either genius or talent or temperament.

~Isadora Duncan

Anybody can and should dance... It's good for the body and the spirit.

~Isadora Duncan

What I am interested in doing is finding and expressing a new form of life

~Isadora Duncan

Farewell my friends, I go to glory.

~Isadora Duncan

My art is just an effort to express the truth of my being in gesture and movement. It has taken me long years to find even one absolutely true movement.

~Isadora Duncan

Memories are less tangible than dreams.

~Isadora Duncan

Man must speak, then sing, then dance. The speaking is the brain, the thinking man. The singing is the emotion. The dancing is the Dionysian ecstasy which carries away all.

~Isadora Duncan

People don't live nowadays: they get about ten percent out of life.

~Isadora Duncan

Others loved themselves, money, theories, power: Lenin loved his fellow men.... Lenin was God, as Christ was God, because God is Love and Christ and Lenin were all Love!

~Isadora Duncan

It is the mission of all art to express the highest and most beautiful ideals of man.

~Isadora Duncan

We may not all break the Ten Commandments, but we are certainly all capable of it. Within us lurks the breaker of all laws, ready to spring out at the first real opportunity.

~Isadora Duncan

It seems to me monstrous that anyone should believe that the jazz rhythm expresses America. Jazz rhythm expresses the primitive savage.

~Isadora Duncan

The dancer will not belong to a nation but to all humanity.

~Isadora Duncan

What one has not experienced, one will never understand in print.

~Isadora Duncan

Art is not necessary at all. All that is necessary to make this world a better place to live in is to love - to love as Christ loved, as Buddha loved.

~Isadora Duncan

The real American type can never be a ballet dancer. The legs are too long, the body too supple and the spirit too free for this school of

affected grace and toe walking.

~Isadora Duncan

Perhaps he was a bit different from other people, but what really sympathetic person is not a little mad?

~Isadora Duncan

To express what is the most moral, healthful and beautiful in art this is the mission of the dancer, and to this I dedicate my life.

~Isadora Duncan

To dance is to live. What I want is a school of life.

~Isadora Duncan

Any woman or man who would write the truth of their lives would write a great work. But no one has dared to write the truth of their lives.

~Isadora Duncan

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It is only in romances that people undergo a sudden metamorphosis. In real life, even after the most terrible experiences, the main character remains exactly the same.

~Isadora Duncan

I finally discovered the source of all movement, the unity from which all diversities of movement are born.

~Isadora Duncan

All my lovers have been geniuses; it's the one thing that I insist.

~Isadora Duncan

I had discovered that love might be a pastime as well as a tragedy, and I gave myself to it with pagan innocence.

~Isadora Duncan

So that ends my first experience of matrimony, which I always thought a highly over-rated performance.

~Isadora Duncan

One might say that the American trend of education is to reduce the senses almost to nil.

~Isadora Duncan

I hope that schools have changed since I was a little girl. My memory of the teaching of the public schools is that it showed the brutal incomprehension of children.

~Isadora Duncan

No composer has yet caught this rhythm of America - it is too mighty for the ears of most.

~Isadora Duncan

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