

# Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot Quotes

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Be guided by feelings alone. Abandon yourself to your first impression. If you really have been touched, you will convey to others the sincerity of your emotion.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Never lose the first impression which has moved you.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

I work on all parts of my painting at once, improving it very gently until I find that the effect is complete.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Don't imitate, don't follow the others, or else you will lag behind them.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

I am like a child who blows up a bubble of soap. At first the bubble is very small, but it is already spherical. Then the child blows the bubble up very softly, until he is afraid that it will burst.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Art is nature as seen through a temperament.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

I always entreat the good Lord to give me my childhood back, that is to say, to grant that I may see nature and render it like a child, without prejudice.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

I hope with all my heart there will be painting in heaven.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

...Art itself may be defined as a single minded attempt to render the highest kind of justice to the visible universe, by bringing to light the truth, manifold and one, underlying its every aspect.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

The most important things in a painting are Form and Value. Color comes last - like a friend you welcome.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

The first things to study are form and values. For me, these are the things that are the basics of what is serious in art.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

It is better to be nothing than a follower of other painters. The wise man has said when one follows another one is always behind.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Be guided by feeling alone. We are only simple mortals, subject to error...

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Set up your study or picture in an orderly fashion. This order should not cramp either the linearist or the colorist... Never lose sight of that first impression by which you were moved.

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

Do console your poor friend, who is so troubled to see his paintings so miserable, so sad, next to the radiant nature he has before his eyes!

~Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot

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