

# Jock Sturges Quotes

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There are photographs that I don't take now, that I previously would have taken without any thought at all as to any misinterpretations.

~Jock Sturges

Different members of different cultures will think that some things are beautiful.

~Jock Sturges

Any artist that's involved in their work is inevitably going to have a focus in what they do.

~Jock Sturges

I don't photograph any two people who are remotely the same.

~Jock Sturges

When I started doing my work years ago, I had doubts as to whether the informed consent question was answerable.

~Jock Sturges

That dichotomy between the public consumption of the work and my intent and practice in making it is an uneasy one for me, on occasion.

~Jock Sturges

All my life I've taken photographs of people who are completely at peace being what they were in the situations I photographed them in.

~Jock Sturges

The truth is that from birth on we are, to one extent or another, a fairly sensual species.

~Jock Sturges

There's no particular evidence that any of the lower mammals or any of the other animals have any interest in aesthetics at all. But Homo sapiens does, always has and always will.

~Jock Sturges

I found myself serving a sentence of public denial from the very second the raid on my apartment happened.

~Jock Sturges

If it gets to the Supreme Court, I'll have the directors of every museum in the country as expert testimony that my work is legitimate art.

~Jock Sturges

That's my ambition: that you look at the pictures and realize what complex, fascinating, interesting people every single one of my subjects is.

~Jock Sturges

I'm the last person who has any desire to instruct anybody in shame. That's no errand for me.

~Jock Sturges

It's no small irony that the government inevitably and invariably ends up promoting precisely that which they would most like to repress.

~Jock Sturges

I will always admit immediately to what's obvious, which is that homo sapiens is inherently erotic or sensual from birth.

~Jock Sturges

I'll go to do a shoot, I'll spend five or six hours at the beach with people, and when people think I'm all out of film, then they really relax and I get my good pictures.

~Jock Sturges

But empirically I've come to understand that my photographs really don't do any harm.

~Jock Sturges

There isn't a person alive who doesn't like being caressed.

~Jock Sturges

Physical beauty is such a strange thing.

~Jock Sturges

But the truth is that Homo sapiens is a sensual species. I think all species are, to one degree or another.

~Jock Sturges

The kids really enjoy what they do. I check with them constantly to make sure that they're really happy to be there.

~Jock Sturges

Some of the people that I photographed as sticks became much more voluptuous, much rounder, in some cases dramatically so, and I think they're even more beautiful.

~Jock Sturges

I'm guilty of extraordinary naivete, I suppose. But it's a naivete that I really don't want to abandon, not even now.

~Jock Sturges

We live in an age where anonymity is growing in magnitude like a bomb going off.

~Jock Sturges

The world is shrinking as we see more and more of it in the media, and the more we see of the world, the smaller we are, the more aware we are of how insignificant any one of us is.

~Jock Sturges

I became good at defending myself, but as far as I was concerned, that was a transient skill.

~Jock Sturges

In fact, I don't believe I'm guilty of any crimes, but I've always been drawn to and fascinated by physical, sexual, and psychological change, and there's an erotic aspect to that.

~Jock Sturges

I am fascinated by the human body and all its evolutions.

~Jock Sturges

Before, I'd photograph anything. I didn't think there was anything more or less obscene about any part of the body.

~Jock Sturges

I'm an artist that's attracted to a specific way of seeing and a way of being.

~Jock Sturges

They were without clothes before I got there, and they were without clothes when I left.

~Jock Sturges

Virtually always I get my best pictures when everybody thinks the shoot's done.

~Jock Sturges

I'd rather get back to making art than talk about it.

~Jock Sturges

I just yesterday returned from a trip where I photographed a woman with two children whom I photographed first when she was the age of the older of the two children.

~Jock Sturges

I know the families that I photograph extremely well and have known them for a very long time.

~Jock Sturges

What I'm good at is making art.

~Jock Sturges

As soon as you forbid something, you make it extraordinarily appealing. You also bring shame in as a phenomenon.

~Jock Sturges

I use an 8 x 10 view camera. All other cameras are just toys.

~Jock Sturges

The transactions between me and the people that I photograph are very very collaborative.

~Jock Sturges

I've had to relearn how I work with people so that if and when I do avoid different things I don't send any messages in doing so.

~Jock Sturges

Every child is going to grow up. You can see it happen in the books: They get older and older and belong to themselves to a greater and greater extent.

~Jock Sturges

It's really, really hard to make it as a fine-art photographer exclusively.

~Jock Sturges

No two people take on the information of being admirable and being admired in the same way.

~Jock Sturges

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