

Josephine Baker

Quotes

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You are on the eve of a complete victory. You can't go wrong. The world is behind you.

~Josephine Baker

To realise our dreams we must decide to wake up.

~Josephine Baker

I'm not intimidated by anyone. Everyone is made with two arms, two legs, a stomach and a head. Just think about that.

~Josephine Baker

I shall dance all my life. . . . I would like to die, breathless, spent, at the end of a dance.

~Josephine Baker

You must get an education. You must go to school, and you must learn to protect yourself. And you must learn to protect yourself with the pen, and not the gun.

~Josephine Baker

We must change the system of education and instruction. Unfortunately, history has shown us that brotherhood must be learned, when it should be natural.

~Josephine Baker

The things we truly love stay with us always, locked in our hearts as long as life remains.

~Josephine Baker

I wasn't really naked. I simply didn't have any clothes on.

~Josephine Baker

A violinist had a violin, a painter his palette. All I had was myself. I was the instrument that I must care for.

~Josephine Baker

Let us stop saying 'white Americans' and 'colored Americans,' let us try once and for all saying... Americans. Let human beings be equal on Earth as in Heaven.

~Josephine Baker

I have walked into the palaces of kings and queens and into the houses of presidents. And much more. But I could not walk into a hotel in America and get a cup of coffee, and that made me mad.

~Josephine Baker

Each time I leaped I seemed to touch the sky and when I regained earth it seemed to be mine alone.

~Josephine Baker

I believe in prayer. It's the best way we have to draw strength from heaven.

~Josephine Baker

Beautiful? It's all a question of luck. I was born with good legs. As for the rest... beautiful, no. Amusing, yes.

~Josephine Baker

All my life, I have maintained that the people of the world can learn to live together in peace if they are not brought up in prejudice.

~Josephine Baker

He was my cream, and I was his coffee - And when you poured us together, it was something.

~Josephine Baker

Art is an elastic sort of love.

~Josephine Baker

The secret to the fountain of youth is to think youthful thoughts.

~Josephine Baker

I did take the blows [of life], but I took them with my chin up, in dignity, because I so profoundly love and respect humanity.

~Josephine Baker

We've got to show that blacks and whites are treated equally in the army. Otherwise, what's the point of waging war on Hitler?

~Josephine Baker

I ran away from St. Louis, and then I ran away from the United States, because of that terror of discrimination.

~Josephine Baker

What am I most ashamed of in my life? Not keeping my promise to my sister and being too scared of America to attend her funeral.

~Josephine Baker

Since I personified the savage on the stage, I tried to be as civilized as possible in daily life.

~Josephine Baker

The white imagination is sure something when it comes to blacks.

~Josephine Baker

I think they must mix blood, otherwise the human race is bound to degenerate. Mixing blood is marvelous. It makes strong and intelligent men. It takes away tired spirits.

~Josephine Baker

I have two loves: my country and Paris.

~Josephine Baker

I like Frenchmen very much, because even when they insult you they do it so nicely.

~Josephine Baker

I spent 30 minutes each morning rubbing my body with half a lemon to lighten my skin.

~Josephine Baker

God dislikes evil, and no happiness can be built on hate. Love one another as brothers.

~Josephine Baker

Oh, you young people act like old men. You have no fun.

~Josephine Baker

I wanted to get far away from those who believed in cruelty, so then I went to France, a land of true freedom, democracy, equality and fraternity.

~Josephine Baker

Friends, to me for years St. Louis represented a city of fear... humiliation... misery and terror... A city where in the eyes of the white man a Negro should know his place and had better stay in it.

~Josephine Baker

Sex was a pleasurable form of exercise, like dancing.

~Josephine Baker

One dance had made me the most famous colored woman in the world.

~Josephine Baker

I believe if the white and colored people could get together and be let alone, they would understand each other and consequently love each

other.

~Josephine Baker

I love performing. I shall perform until the day I die.

~Josephine Baker

Is that what they call a vocation, what you do with joy as if you had fire in your heart, the devil in your body?

~Josephine Baker

I was a devil in other countries, and I was a little devil in America, too.

~Josephine Baker

The old Catholic parties hounded me with a Christian hatred from station to station, city to city, one stage to another.

~Josephine Baker

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