

Katherine Boo

Quotes

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But if writing about people who are not yourself is illegitimate, then the only legitimate work is autobiography; and as a reader and a citizen, I don't want to live in that world.

~Katherine Boo

...much of what was said did not matter, and that much of what mattered could not be said.

~Katherine Boo

In any country, corruption tends to increase when more respectable means of social advancement break down.

~Katherine Boo

I'm useless when I meet writers I love - I go slack-jawed and stupid with awe.

~Katherine Boo

A great deal of what is presumed to be intractable or inevitable in this world doesn't strike me that way at all.

~Katherine Boo

We often have an exaggerated sense of what nonprofits and governments are doing to help the poor, but the really inspiring thing is how much the poor are doing to help themselves.

~Katherine Boo

One thing that was very clear to me is that the young people in a place like Annawadi aren't tripping on caste the way their parents are. They know their parents have these old views.

~Katherine Boo

I think it's this congenital problem with journalism that we oversell the difference we make. We make small differences.

~Katherine Boo

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Never trust anyone who tells you how people come to trust them.

~Katherine Boo

The Indian criminal justice system was a market like garbage, Abdul now understood. Innocence and guilt could be bought and sold like a kilo of polyurethane bags.

~Katherine Boo

I tell Allah I love Him immensely, immensely. But I tell Him I cannot be better, because of how the world is.

~Katherine Boo

.. becoming attached to a country involves pressing, uncomfortable questions about justice and opportunity for its least powerful citizens.

~Katherine Boo

When I'm engaged in a story my health is not a big deal, but when I'm not doing anything, if you sit me down, I can get tied up in my own medical dramas. So I much prefer to work.

~Katherine Boo

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