

Louise Berliawsky Nevelson Quotes

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True strength is delicate.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I think most artists create out of despair. The very nature of creation is not a performing glory on the outside, it's a painful, difficult search within.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

When you put things together, things that other people have thrown out, you're really bringing them to life - a spiritual life that surpasses the life for which they were originally created.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

No matter how individual we humans are, we are a composite of everything we are aware of. We are a mirror of our times.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

What we call reality is an agreement that people have arrived at to make life more livable.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

You take a painting, you have a white, virginal piece of canvas that is the world of purity, and then you put your imagery on it, and you try to bring it back to the original purity.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

It gave me great pleasure to think that I could take wood, make it good, and make people like Rockefeller buy it with paper money.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I always wanted to show the world that art is everywhere, except it has to pass through a creative mind.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Most of us have to be transplanted before we blossom.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I see no reason why I should tickle stones or waste time on polishing bronze.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I make collages. I join the shattered world creating a new harmony.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I think all great innovations are built on rejections.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

A whisper can be stronger, as an atom is stronger, than a whole mountain.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

It's a hell of a thing to be born, and if you're born you're at least entitled to your own self.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I've taught, and the first thing I did when I taught art, was not to teach art.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I'm in tune with the right vibrations in the universe when I'm in the process of working.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

A woman may not hit a ball stronger than a man, but it is different. I prize that difference.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

If you have got a living force and you're not using it, nature kicks you

back. The blood boils just like you put it in a pot.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

The outside world pressures you into a mold, but if you don't accept that - you gamble with life. Call it gambling.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I was discouraged about life, discouraged about people being blind, but I don't think I had a day that I ever questioned creativity. There has never been a day like that.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I never feel age... If you have creative work you don't have age or time.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

We must create our own world.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

The freer that women become, the freer men will be. Because when you enslave someone, you are enslaved.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I believe in my work and in the joy of it. You have to be with the work and the work has to be with you. It absorbs you totally and you absorb it totally.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Greatness breaks laws.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

My husband's family was terribly refined. Within their circle you could know Beethoven, but God forbid if you were Beethoven.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

In my studio I'm as happy as a cow in her stall. That's the only place where everything is all right.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I think that in the sexual act, as delightful as it can be, the very physical part of it is, yes, a hammering away. So it has a certain brutality.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

When you are doing a piece you are with it. You don't want to wait until next week, when experience will have given you something else.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

What we start with is a conviction to fulfill our being. Horses, trees fulfill themselves. Why shouldn't people.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

It is as hard to take success as it is failure.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Another thing about creation is that every day it is like it gave birth, and it's always kind of innocent and refreshing. So it's always virginal to me, and it's always a surprise.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

If they blow it [the world] up, that's not my business. My business is to work.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I knew that a day I took away from the work did not make me too happy.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I began to stack my sculptures into an environment. It was natural. It was a flowing of energy.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I feel that women 'and men,' but I mean the 'individual,' can be totally feminine and still be totally powerful.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Everytime I put on clothes, I'm creating a picture.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I don't demand that all work be a masterpiece. What I am doing is the right thing for me - that is what I am and this is living. It reflects me and I reflect it.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I've been so lonely for long periods of my life that if a rat walked in I would have welcomed it.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I only know this - that you can't give advice to an artist.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I never liked the middle ground-the most boring place in the world.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

There's no denying that Caruso came with a voice?that Beethoven came with music in his soul, Picasso was drawing like an angel in the crib.You're born with it.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Some of us come on earth seeing - some of us come on earth seeing color.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

In the end, as you get older and older, your life is your life, and you are

alone with it.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I believe that the physical is the geography of the being.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Character is the architect of the being.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

My mother was very sympathetic. She was the one who really gave me the courage to take my freedom.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I still want to do my work. I still want to do my livingness. And I have lived. I have been fulfilled. I recognized what I had, and I never sold it short. And I ain't through yet.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

I have made my world and it is a much better world than I ever saw outside.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

Who is an artist? I say we take a title. No one gives it to us. We make our lives.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

You must create your own world. I am responsible for my world.

~Louise Berliawsky Nevelson

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