

Margaret Bourke-White

Quotes

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Work is something you can count on, a trusted, lifelong friend who never deserts you.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Photography is a very subtle thing. You must let the camera take you by the hand, as it were, and lead you into your subject.

~Margaret Bourke-White

A burning purpose attracts others who are drawn along with it and help fulfill it.

~Margaret Bourke-White

To understand another human being you must gain some insight into the conditions which made him what he is.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Nothing attracts me like a closed door. I cannot let my camera rest until I have pried it open.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The camera is a remarkable instrument. Saturate yourself with your subject, and the camera will all but take you by the hand and point the way.

~Margaret Bourke-White

If you want to photograph a man spinning, give some thought to why he spins. Understanding for a photographer is as important as the equipment he uses.

~Margaret Bourke-White

If you banish fear, nothing terribly bad can happen to you.

~Margaret Bourke-White

"Utter truth is essential, and that is what stirs me when I look through

the camera."

~Margaret Bourke-White

Usually I object when someone makes over-much of men's work versus women's work, for I think it is the excellence of the results which counts.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The sights I have just seen [at Buchenwald] are so unbelievable that I don't think I'll believe them myself until I've seen the photographs.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The very secret of life for me, I believed, was to maintain in the midst of rushing events an inner tranquility.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The beauty of the past belongs to the past.

~Margaret Bourke-White

If anyone gets in my way when I'm making a picture, I become irrational. I'm never sure what I am going to do, or sometimes even aware of what I do-only that I want that picture.

~Margaret Bourke-White

I was to discover that the quest for human understanding is a lifetime one that has no end in sight.

~Margaret Bourke-White

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A kind of golden hour one remembers for a life time... Everything was touched with magic.

~Margaret Bourke-White

We are in a privileged and sometimes happy position. We see a great deal of the world. Our obligation is to pass it on to others.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The element of discovery is very important. I don't repeat myself well. I want and need that stimulus of walking forward from one new world to another.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Utter truth is essential...and to get that truth may take a lot of searching and long hours.

~Margaret Bourke-White

You are responsible for what you have done and the people whom you have influenced.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Work to me is a sacred thing.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Life is beating against the school windows. You must quickly open the doors and go out to learn that no door must be locked against you.

~Margaret Bourke-White

The world was waiting to be full of discovery made(as a photographer) I could share the things I saw and learned.you would react to something all others might walk by.

~Margaret Bourke-White

I love to write out of doors and sleep out of doors, too. If I sleep under the open sky it becomes part of the writing experience, part of my insulation from the world.

~Margaret Bourke-White

War makes its own morals.

~Margaret Bourke-White

A book, while it is being written, has an intense life of its own which you share.

~Margaret Bourke-White

Even while you're in dead earnest about your work, you must approach it with a feeling of freedom and joy; you must be loose-jointed, like a relaxed athlete.

~Margaret Bourke-White

I have never forgotten a picture that I ever made.

~Margaret Bourke-White

I have always thought that if I could turn back the pages of history and photograph one man, my choice would be Moses.

~Margaret Bourke-White

My idea of gardening is to discover something wild in my wood and weed around it with the utmost care until it has a chance to grow and spread.

~Margaret Bourke-White

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