

Nathalie Sarraute

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Television has lifted the manufacture of banality out of the sphere of handicraft and placed it in that of a major industry.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Women have seen that they have locked themselves up with feminist writing.

~Nathalie Sarraute

One can't write without having read - you have to read before beginning to write - and universities offer a very good opportunity to read.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Poetry is what makes the invisible appear.

~Nathalie Sarraute

It's the duty of all novelists, all painters, all musicians, all people who try to make art move: to look for something they feel authentically, without paying attention to styles.

~Nathalie Sarraute

We're swallowed up only when we are willing for it to happen.

~Nathalie Sarraute

The reader has to be creative when he's reading. He has to try to make the thing alive. A good reader has to do a certain amount of work when he is reading.

~Nathalie Sarraute

The act of writing is a kind of catharsis, a liberation, but I never really concerned myself with that. I write because it interests me.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Suspicion is one of the morbid reactions by which an organism defends itself and seeks another equilibrium.

~Nathalie Sarraute

It's a question of not copying the masters, to look for something, good or bad, for oneself. To enter this liberated state of mind, one cannot copy the others.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Literature is always trying to show other parts of this immense universe in which we live. It's endless. I'm sure there will be other writers who will discover new worlds.

~Nathalie Sarraute

I don't admire Freud as much as some people do. Imagine Shakespeare being aware of the Oedipal complex when he wrote Hamlet. It would have been a disaster.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Those who live in a world of human beings can only retrace their steps.

~Nathalie Sarraute

Neither reproaches nor encouragements are able to revive a faith that is waning.

~Nathalie Sarraute

One can't write for all readers. A poet cannot write for people who don't like poetry.

~Nathalie Sarraute

I don't for a minute think that Hitler is like Joan of Arc. But I think that at that deep level of tropisms, Hitler or Stalin must have experienced the same tropisms as anyone else.

~Nathalie Sarraute

All psychological research is completely barred by the interpretations of

the psychoanalysts. Everything happens in the unconscious, and I don't know what this unconscious is.

~Nathalie Sarraute

I have often heard that the novel is dead. But I see novels produced, I don't know how many a week, in France. I have the impression it's carrying along quite well.

~Nathalie Sarraute

For me, the poetry in a work is that which makes visible the invisible.

~Nathalie Sarraute

I have never sought the reason why I write.

~Nathalie Sarraute

The novel moves like all the arts. It's transforming itself all the time.

~Nathalie Sarraute

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