

# Nellie Bly Quotes

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Crazy, Sympathy, Different, Desire, Prison, World, Heaven, He Man, Beautiful,  
Mean, Sunlight*

I have never written a word that did not come from my heart. I never shall.

~Nellie Bly

I took upon myself to enact the part of a poor, unfortunate crazy girl, and felt it my duty not to shirk any of the disagreeable results that should follow.

~Nellie Bly

On the wagon sped, and I, as well as my comrades, gave a despairing farewell glance at freedom as we came in sight of the long stone buildings.

~Nellie Bly

**ENERGY RIGHTLY APPLIED CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.**

~Nellie Bly

I always made a point of telling the doctors I was sane, and asking to be released, but the more I endeavored to assure them of my sanity, the more they doubted it

~Nellie Bly

**'VERY WELL,' I SAID ANGRILY, 'START THE MAN, AND I'LL START THE SAME DAY FOR SOME OTHER NEWSPAPER AND BEAT HIM.'**

~Nellie Bly

The insane asylum on Blackwell's Island is a human rat-trap. It is easy to get in, but once there it is impossible to get out.

~Nellie Bly

**COULD I PASS A WEEK IN THE INSANE WARD AT BLACKWELL'S ISLAND? I SAID I COULD AND I WOULD. AND I DID.**

~Nellie Bly

It is only after one is in trouble that one realizes how little sympathy and kindness there are in the world.

~Nellie Bly

I always had a desire to know asylum life more thoroughly - a desire to be convinced that the most helpless of God's creatures, the insane, were cared for kindly and properly.

~Nellie Bly

ACCEPT PRAISE FOR ITS WORTH - POLITENESS. BE BRUTALLY FRANK WITH YOURSELF. IT'S SAFER.

~Nellie Bly

I was too impatient to work at the usual duties assigned women on newspapers.

~Nellie Bly

I shuddered to think how completely the insane were in the power of their keepers, and how one could weep and plead for release, and all of no avail, if the keepers were so minded.

~Nellie Bly

People in the world can never imagine the length of days to those in asylums. They seemed never ending, and we welcomed any event that might give us something to think about as well as talk of.

~Nellie Bly

They were being driven to a prison, through no fault of their own, in all probability for life. In comparison, how much easier it would be to walk to the gallows than to this tomb of living horrors!

~Nellie Bly

I have watched patients stand and gaze longingly toward the city they in all likelihood will never enter again. It means liberty and life; it seems

so near, and yet heaven is not further from hell

~Nellie Bly

I had never been near insane persons before in my life, and had not the faintest idea of what their actions were like

~Nellie Bly

Never having failed, I could not picture what failure meant.

~Nellie Bly

But here let me say one thing: From the moment I entered the insane ward on the Island, I made no attempt to keep up the assumed role of insanity.

~Nellie Bly

I had looked forward so eagerly to leaving the horrible place, yet when my release came and I knew that God's sunlight was to be free for me again, there was a certain pain in leaving

~Nellie Bly

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