

Norman Douglas Quotes

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Mind, Neighbor, Happiness, Children, People, Reading, Mother, Green, Ignoble,
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Distrust of authority should be the first civic duty.

~Norman Douglas

To find a friend one must close one eye. To keep him...two.

~Norman Douglas

A man who is stingy with saffron is capable of seducing his own grandmother.

~Norman Douglas

A man can believe a considerable deal of rubbish, and yet go about his daily work in a rational and cheerful manner.

~Norman Douglas

He talks about the Scylla of Atheism and the Charybdis of Christianity - a state of mind which, by the way, is not conducive to bold navigation.

~Norman Douglas

You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements.

~Norman Douglas

If you want to see what children can do, you must stop giving them things.

~Norman Douglas

Never take a solemn oath. People think you mean it.

~Norman Douglas

Education is a state-controlled manufactory of echoes.

~Norman Douglas

Has any man ever obtained inner harmony by simply reading about the experiences of others? Not since the world began has it ever happened. Each man must go through the fire himself.

~Norman Douglas

Learn to foster an ardent imagination; so shall you descry beauty which others passed unheeded.

~Norman Douglas

How hard it is, sometimes, to trust the evidence of one's senses! How reluctantly the mind consents to reality.

~Norman Douglas

Why always "not yet"? Do flowers in spring say "not yet"?

~Norman Douglas

Bouillabaisse is only good because cooked by the French, who, if they cared to try, could produce an excellent and nutritious substitute out of cigar stumps and empty matchboxes.

~Norman Douglas

It takes a wise man to handle a lie, a fool had better remain honest.

~Norman Douglas

There is a kinship, a kind of freemasonry, between all persons of intelligence, however antagonistic their moral outlook.

~Norman Douglas

You can construct the character of a man and his age not only from what he does and says, but from what he fails to say and do.

~Norman Douglas

The pine stays green in winter... wisdom in hardship.

~Norman Douglas

The longer one lives, the more one realizes that nothing is a dish for every day.

~Norman Douglas

One can always trust to time. Insert a wedge of time and nearly everything straightens itself out.

~Norman Douglas

How often could things be remedied by a word. How often is it left unspoken.

~Norman Douglas

The business of life is to enjoy oneself; everything else is a mockery.

~Norman Douglas

The true cook is the perfect blend, the only perfect blend, of artist and philosopher. He knows his worth: he holds in his palm the happiness of mankind, the welfare of generations yet unborn.

~Norman Douglas

The sublimity of wisdom is to do those things living, which are to be desired when dying.

~Norman Douglas

You can cram a truth into an epigram - the truth, never.

~Norman Douglas

It is one of the maladies of our age to profess a frenzied allegiance to truth in unimportant matters, to refuse consistently to face her where graver issues are at stake.

~Norman Douglas

Many a man who thinks to found a home discovers that he has merely opened a tavern for his friends.

~Norman Douglas

They who are all things to their neighbors cease to be anything to themselves.

~Norman Douglas

People who have reformed themselves has contributed their full share towards the reformation of their neighbor.

~Norman Douglas

Wine is a precarious aphrodisiac, and its fumes have blighted many a mating.

~Norman Douglas

I wish the English still possessed a shred of the old sense of humour which Puritanism, and dyspepsia, and newspaper reading, and tea-drinking have nearly extinguished.

~Norman Douglas

No one can expect a majority to be stirred by motives other than ignoble.

~Norman Douglas

There is so much goodness in real life- do let us keep it out of our books.

~Norman Douglas

I can find no room in my cosmos for a deity save as a waste product of human weakness, the excrement of the imagination.

~Norman Douglas

The present age, for all its cosmopolitan hustle, is curiously suburban in spirit.

~Norman Douglas

Justice is too good for some people and not good enough for the rest.

~Norman Douglas

The families of our friends are always a disappointment.

~Norman Douglas

No great man is ever born too soon or too late.

~Norman Douglas

It seldom pays to be rude. It never pays to be only half-rude.

~Norman Douglas

The secret of happiness is curiosity

~Norman Douglas

What is all wisdom save a collection of platitudes? But the man who orders his life according to their teachings cannot go far wrong.

~Norman Douglas

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