

Norman Rockwell Quotes

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The secret to so many artists living so long is that every painting is a new adventure. So, you see, they're always looking ahead to something new and exciting. The secret is not to look back.

~Norman Rockwell

My best efforts were some modern things that looked like very lousy Matisses. Thank God I had the sense to realize they were lousy, and leave Paris.

~Norman Rockwell

I paint life as I would like it to be.

~Norman Rockwell

Commonplaces never become tiresome. It is we who become tired when we cease to be curious and appreciative.

~Norman Rockwell

I just wanted to do something important.

~Norman Rockwell

No man with a conscience can just bat out illustrations. He's got to put all his talent and feeling into them!

~Norman Rockwell

I'll never have enough time to paint all the pictures I'd like to.

~Norman Rockwell

If a picture wasn't going very well, I'd put a puppy in it.

~Norman Rockwell

The story is the first thing and the last thing.

~Norman Rockwell

The view of life I communicate in my pictures excludes the sordid and

ugly. I paint life as I would like it to be.

~Norman Rockwell

I can take a lot of pats on the back. I love it when I get admiring letters from people. And, of course, I'd love it if the critics would notice me, too.

~Norman Rockwell

I'm the oldest antique in town.

~Norman Rockwell

I learned to draw everything except glamorous women. No matter how much I tried to make them look sexy, they always ended up looking silly... or like somebody's mother.

~Norman Rockwell

If there was sadness in this creative world of mine, it was a pleasant sadness. If there were problems, they were humorous problems.

~Norman Rockwell

Right from the beginning, I always strived to capture everything I saw as completely as possible.

~Norman Rockwell

I'm not going to be caught around here for any fool celebration. To hell with birthdays!

~Norman Rockwell

Here in New England, the character is strong and unshakable.

~Norman Rockwell

I'm tired, but proud.

~Norman Rockwell

Some folks think I painted Lincoln from life, but I haven't been around that long. Not quite.

~Norman Rockwell

Everyone in those days expected that art students were wild, licentious characters. We didn't know how to be, but we sure were anxious to learn.

~Norman Rockwell

I didn't know what to expect from a famous movie star; maybe that he'd be sort of stuck-up, you know. But not Gary Cooper. He horsed around so much... that I had a hard time painting him.

~Norman Rockwell

Very interesting for an old duffer like me to try his hand at something new. If I don't do that once in a while, I might just turn into a fossil, you know!

~Norman Rockwell

It wouldn't be right for me to clown around when I'm painting a president.

~Norman Rockwell

You must first spend some time getting your model to relax. Then you'll get a natural expression.

~Norman Rockwell

I had a couple of million dollars' worth of... stock once. And now it's not worth much more than wallpaper. I guess I just wasn't born to be rich.

~Norman Rockwell

If the public dislikes one of my Post covers, I can't help disliking it myself.

~Norman Rockwell

I work from fatigue to fatigue at my age there's only so much daylight left.

~Norman Rockwell

Travel is like a tonic to me. It's more than just getting away from the studio for a brief rest. I need it to recharge my batteries.

~Norman Rockwell

I keep the pornographic stuff in a bus station locker.

~Norman Rockwell

How will I be remembered? As a technician or artist? As a humorist or a visionary?

~Norman Rockwell

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