

Robert Bringhurst

Quotes

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People, Anxiety, Men, Long, Space, Giving, Hands, Arbitrary, Wings, Important,
Endless Opportunities, Choices*

By all means break the rules, and break them beautifully, deliberately and well.

~Robert Bringhurst

Typography is the craft of endowing human language with a durable visual form.

~Robert Bringhurst

Space in typography is like time in music. It is infinitely divisible, but a few proportional intervals can be much more useful than a limitless choice of arbitrary quantities.

~Robert Bringhurst

Typography exists to honor content.

~Robert Bringhurst

Typography is to literature as musical performance is to composition: an essential act of interpretation, full of endless opportunities for insight or obtuseness.

~Robert Bringhurst

Typography at its best is a visual form of language linking timelessness and time.

~Robert Bringhurst

Stories are the reproductive organs of language.

~Robert Bringhurst

Wings are a constraint that makes it possible to fly.

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The first function of violence in Native American literatures is simply to acknowledge that violence is implicit, like gravity and sunlight, in the world and our relations with the world.

~Robert Bringhurst

Drop a word in the ocean of meaning and concentric ripples form. To define a single word means to try to catch those ripples. No one's hands are fast enough.

~Robert Bringhurst

When you die, your culture takes you in, and then, if you've given enough, your place is near the centre.

~Robert Bringhurst

Anxiety projection can and does occur - in myth, in music, in fiction, and in the doctor's office too. That doesn't make it the basis of everything.

~Robert Bringhurst

Nature, or the world, or reality, is what mythology is all about.

~Robert Bringhurst

Russian literature, like colonial Canadian literature, comes with a lot of landscape backdrop.

~Robert Bringhurst

A lot of poems seem, in some sense, to pull the outside world into the interior. They aren't perhaps emotion recollected in tranquillity but perception recollected in interiority.

~Robert Bringhurst

Every Native North American text I've ever grappled with has taught me something important about how to live on the continent where I was born.

~Robert Bringhurst

Literature in the written sense represents the triumph of language over writing: the subversion of writing for purposes that have little or nothing to do with social and economic control.

~Robert Bringhurst

With type as with philosophy, music and food, it is better to have a little of the best than to be swamped with the derivative, the careless, the routine.

~Robert Bringhurst

Typographic style is founded not on any one technology of typesetting or printing, but on the primitive yet subtle craft of writing.

~Robert Bringhurst

Popularity isn't just something that happens. You have to give something in exchange for it, and that's the dangerous part of the process.

~Robert Bringhurst

We're into the era of desktop bureaucracy, where people sit at computers building websites and analyzing data rather than listening or reading.

~Robert Bringhurst

Poetry, I'm often told, is something made of words. I think it really goes the other way around: words are made of poetry.

~Robert Bringhurst

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