

# Rose Wilder Lane

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A kiss without a mustache is like an egg without salt.

~Rose Wilder Lane

As an American I am of course fundamentally opposed to democracy and to anyone advocating or defending democracy, which in theory and practice is the basis of socialism.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Happiness is something that comes into our lives through doors we don't even remember leaving open.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Men in Government monopolize the necessary use of force; they are not using their energies productively; they are not milking cows. To get butter, they must use guns; they have nothing else to use.

~Rose Wilder Lane

No state, no government exists. What does in fact exist is a man, or a few men, in power over many men.

~Rose Wilder Lane

What I can't understand is, how can anybody figure now that the government can support us, when we support the government.

~Rose Wilder Lane

It was not seen that woman's place was in the home until she began to go out of it; the statement was a reply to an unspoken challenge, it was attempted resistance to irresistible change.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The need for Government is the need for force; where force is unnecessary, there is no need for Government.

~Rose Wilder Lane

We are never aware of the present; each instant of living becomes perceptible only when it is past, so that in a sense we do not live at all, but only remember living.

~Rose Wilder Lane

I'm not "filled with my art". I ain't got no art. I've got only a kind of craftsman's skill, and make stories as I make biscuits or embroider underwear or wrap up packages.

~Rose Wilder Lane

no one in a group of three is the same person he (she, it) is in a group of two. No more than he is the same in a group of two as he is alone.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The question is whether personal freedom is worth the terrible effort, the never-lifted burden and risks of self-reliance.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Plants and animals repeat routine, but men who are not restrained will go into the future like explorers into a new country.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The Democratic Party is now a political mechanism having a genuine political principle: national socialism.

~Rose Wilder Lane

That way of life against which my generation rebelled had given us grim courage, fortitude, self-discipline, a sense of individual responsibility, and a capacity for relentless hard work.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Constant repetition dulls receptivity.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Making the best of things is a damn poor way of dealing with them. My life has been a series of escapes from that quicksand.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Curiosity is the hunger of the human mind.

~Rose Wilder Lane

I came out of the Soviet Union no longer a communist, because I believed in personal freedom.

~Rose Wilder Lane

An Old World revolution is only a movement around a motionless center; it never breaks out of the circle. Firm in the center is belief in Authority.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Writing fiction is an endless and always defeated effort to capture some quality of life without killing it.

~Rose Wilder Lane

As novices, we think we're entirely responsible for the way people treat us. I have long since learned that we are responsible only for the way we treat people.

~Rose Wilder Lane

Life is a thin narrowness of taken-for-granted, a plank over a canyon in a fog.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The longest lives are short; our work lasts longer.

~Rose Wilder Lane

I ask myself, 'why am I so lazy?' and am too lazy to reply.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The real protection of life and property, always and everywhere.

~Rose Wilder Lane

All men are brothers and each man is free.

~Rose Wilder Lane

I so much like real things - the realities that come naturally from the depths of us like - what shall I say? - the way trees grow, from some inner essential principle of them, just expressing itself.

~Rose Wilder Lane

The first twenty years of my life were wasted. I didn't fit my environment, and I didn't know any other.

~Rose Wilder Lane

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