

# Ruth Stout Quotes

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Betrayal, Nature, Beats, Flower, Farming, Energy, Bliss, Up Early, Should,  
Lying, Jobs, Results*

Only in the winter, in the country, can you have longer quiet stretches when you can savor belonging to yourself.

~Ruth Stout

I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet in a garden.

~Ruth Stout

Working in the garden gives me something beyond the enjoyment of the senses. It gives me a profound feeling of inner peace.

~Ruth Stout

The unmulched garden looks to me like some naked thing which for one reason or another would be better off with a few clothes on.

~Ruth Stout

There is peace in the garden. Peace and results.

~Ruth Stout

Why do people who like to get up early look with disdain on those who like to lie in bed late? And why do people who like to work feel superior to those who prefer to dream?

~Ruth Stout

Farmers are philosophical. They have learned that it is less wearing to shrug than to beat their breasts.

~Ruth Stout

When we contemplate buying something, we usually ask the price of it, then decide whether or not it is worth that much to us. But when we expend time and energy, we often just go ahead and pay.

~Ruth Stout

the bliss that comes from ignorance should seldom be encouraged for it

is likely to do one out of a more satisfying bliss.

~Ruth Stout

It's a fair-sized job to write a book that people can be bothered just to read; when they begin to steal copies, you are really getting some place.

~Ruth Stout

The central paradox and challenge of marriage is that we have to make family out of someone we're not related to.

~Ruth Stout

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