

Sally Ride Quotes

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I would like to be remembered as someone who was not afraid to do what she wanted to do, and as someone who took risks along the way in order to achieve her goals.

~Sally Ride

If we want scientists and engineers in the future, we should be cultivating the girls as much as the boys.

~Sally Ride

Three Secrets to Success: Be willing to learn new things. Be able to assimilate new information quickly. Be able to get along with and work with other people.

~Sally Ride

All adventures, especially into new territory, are scary.

~Sally Ride

It takes a couple of years just to get the background and knowledge that you need before you can go into detailed training for your mission.

~Sally Ride

Then during the mission itself, I used the space shuttle's robot arm to release a satellite into orbit.

~Sally Ride

I suggest taking the high road and have a little sence of humour and let things roll off your back. I think that's very important.

~Sally Ride

There are lots of opportunities out there for women to work in these fields, ... Girls just need support, encouragement and mentoring to follow through with the sciences.

~Sally Ride

Our future lies with today's kids and tomorrow's space exploration.

~Sally Ride

The stars don't look bigger, but they do look brighter.

~Sally Ride

When you're getting ready to launch into space, you're sitting on a big explosion waiting to happen.

~Sally Ride

When you can feel that close to something you're used to seeing from this great distance, well, it changes a person.

~Sally Ride

We need to make science cool again.

~Sally Ride

Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity. Science is a process of investigating. It's posing questions and coming up with a method. It's delving in.

~Sally Ride

The thing I'll remember most about the flight is that it was fun. In fact, I'm sure it was the most fun that I'll ever have in my life.

~Sally Ride

I've spent my whole life not talking to people, and I don't see why I should start now.

~Sally Ride

I liked math - that was my favorite subject - and I was very interested in astronomy and in physical science.

~Sally Ride

Rocket science is tough, and rockets have a way of failing.

~Sally Ride

I think it's important for little girls growing up, and young women, to have one in every walk of life. So from that point of view, I'm proud to be a role model!

~Sally Ride

I have been a bit of a risk-taker all my life.

~Sally Ride

After the Challenger accident, NASA put in a lot of time to improve the safety of the space shuttle to fix the things that had gone wrong.

~Sally Ride

I can't remember a single time [my parents] ever told me not to do something I wanted to do.

~Sally Ride

Different astronauts sleep in different ways.

~Sally Ride

The pressure suit helps if something goes wrong during launch or re-entry - astronauts have a way to parachute off the shuttle. The suits protect you from loss of pressure in case of emergency.

~Sally Ride

It's easy to sleep floating around - it's very comfortable. But you have to be careful that you don't float into somebody or something!

~Sally Ride

The rockets light! The shuttle leaps off the launch pad in a cloud of steam and a trail of fire.

~Sally Ride

We can see cities during the day and at night, and we can watch rivers dump sediment into the ocean, and see hurricanes form.

~Sally Ride

I did not come to NASA to make history.

~Sally Ride

I have a lot of common sense. I know what needs to be done and how to approach it. I have an ability to work with people on large enterprises.

~Sally Ride

Because I was a tennis player, Billie Jean King was a hero of mine.

~Sally Ride

I do a lot of running and hiking, and I also collect stamps - space stamps and Olympics stamps.

~Sally Ride

My background is in physics, so I was the mission specialist, who is sort of like the flight engineer on an airplane.

~Sally Ride

So I saw many planets, and they looked just a little bit brighter than they do from Earth.

~Sally Ride

The astronauts who came in with me in my astronaut class - my class had 29 men and 6 women - those men were all very used to working with women.

~Sally Ride

Well, we spend an awful lot of our time working and doing experiments. It's very busy up on the shuttle.

~Sally Ride

Once you are assigned to a flight, the whole crew is assigned at the same time, and then that crew trains together for a whole year to prepare for that flight.

~Sally Ride

So most astronauts are astronauts for a couple of years before they are assigned to a flight.

~Sally Ride

Some astronauts sleep in sort of beds - compartments that you can open up and crawl into and then close up, almost like a little bedroom.

~Sally Ride

The most anxious time was during launch, just because that is so dramatic.

~Sally Ride

On a standard space shuttle crew, two of the astronauts have a test pilot background - the commander and the pilot.

~Sally Ride

I slept just floating in the middle of the flight deck, the upper deck of the space shuttle.

~Sally Ride

No, I think most astronauts recognize that the space shuttle program is very high-risk, and are prepared for accidents.

~Sally Ride

I didn't really decide that I wanted to be an astronaut for sure until the end of college.

~Sally Ride

The food isn't too bad. It's very different from the food that the astronauts ate in the very early days of the space program.

~Sally Ride

But when I wasn't working, I was usually at a window looking down at Earth.

~Sally Ride

I find myself looking around for other new, interesting opportunities to dive into.

~Sally Ride

Yes, I did feel a special responsibility to be the first American woman in space.

~Sally Ride

I don't have any nicknames.

~Sally Ride

The space shuttle is a better and safer rocket than it was before the Challenger accident.

~Sally Ride

But even in elementary school and junior high, I was very interested in space and in the space program.

~Sally Ride

So I decided on science when I was in college.

~Sally Ride

One thing I probably share with everyone else in the astronaut office is composure.

~Sally Ride

It takes a few years to prepare for a space mission.

~Sally Ride

Weightless is a great equalizer.

~Sally Ride

My parents must have done a great job. Anytime I wanted to pursue something that they weren't familiar with, that was not part of their lifestyle, they let me go ahead and do it.

~Sally Ride

I think maybe it's too bad that our society isn't further along and this is such a big deal. I think it's time...that people realize that women in this country can do any job they want to do.

~Sally Ride

NASA has to approve whatever we wear, so there are clothes to choose from, like space shorts - we wear those a lot - and NASA T-shirts.

~Sally Ride

That's something that is almost part of being human and I'm certain that will continue.

~Sally Ride

It's well known that many girls have a tendency to dumb down when they're in middle school.

~Sally Ride

Even though NASA tries to simulate launch, and we practice in simulators, it's not the same - it's not even close to the same.

~Sally Ride

I felt very honored, and I knew that people would be watching very

closely, and I felt it was very, very important that I do a good job.

~Sally Ride

If it wasn't for the women's movement, I wouldn't be where I am today.

~Sally Ride

On both of my flights, everything went very well.

~Sally Ride

I love the John Glenn model... I may call NASA in 25 years or so, and see if they'd like to send me to Mars.

~Sally Ride

It's too bad our society isn't further along.

~Sally Ride

I haven't written my memoirs or let the television movie be made about my life.

~Sally Ride

The view of Earth is spectacular.

~Sally Ride

I think eventually private enterprise will be able to send people into orbit, but I suspect initially it's going to have to be with NASA's help.

~Sally Ride

For quite some time, women at NASA only had scientific backgrounds.

~Sally Ride

I had both male and female heroes.

~Sally Ride

Ever been to Disneyland? That was definitely an E ticket!

~Sally Ride

The experience of being in space didn't change my perspective of myself or of the planet or of life. I had no spiritual experience.

~Sally Ride

I was always very interested in science, and I knew that for me, science was a better long-term career than tennis.

~Sally Ride

It's no secret that I've been reluctant to use my name for things.

~Sally Ride

You know, I go around the country a lot.

~Sally Ride

For a long time, society put obstacles in the way of women who wanted to enter the sciences.

~Sally Ride

The fact that I was going to be the first American woman to go into space carried huge expectations along with it.

~Sally Ride

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