

Sherwood Anderson Quotes

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Dare to be strong and courageous. That is the road. Venture anything.

~Sherwood Anderson

The object of art is not to make salable pictures. It is to save yourself.

~Sherwood Anderson

The lives of people are like young trees in a forest. They are being choked by climbing vines. The vines are old thoughts and beliefs planted by dead men.

~Sherwood Anderson

You won't arrive. It is an endless search.

~Sherwood Anderson

There is within every human being a deep well of thinking over which a heavy iron lid is kept clamped.

~Sherwood Anderson

I think the whole glory of writing lies in the fact that it forces us out of ourselves and into the lives of others.

~Sherwood Anderson

The thing of course, is to make yourself alive. Most people remain all of their lives in a stupor.

~Sherwood Anderson

It was a cold day but the sun was out and the trees were like great bonfires against gray distant fields and hills.

~Sherwood Anderson

I go about looking at horses and cattle. They eat grass, make love, work when they have to, bear their young. I am sick with envy of them.

~Sherwood Anderson

The whole object of education is...to develop the mind. The mind should be a thing that works.

~Sherwood Anderson

Interest in the lives of others, the high evaluation of these lives, what are they but the overflow of the interest a man finds in himself, the value he attributes to his own being?.

~Sherwood Anderson

Don't be carried off your feet by anything because it is modern - the latest thing. Go to the Louvre often and spend a good deal of time before the Rembrandts, the Delacroixs.

~Sherwood Anderson

If people did not want their stories told, it would be better for them to keep away from me.

~Sherwood Anderson

It may be life is only worthwhile at moments. Perhaps that is all we ought to expect.

~Sherwood Anderson

I have seldom written a story, long or short, that I did not have to write and rewrite. There are single stories of mine that have taken me ten or twelve years to get written.

~Sherwood Anderson

If I can write everything out plainly, perhaps I will myself understand better what has happened.

~Sherwood Anderson

Draw, draw, hundreds of drawings. Try to remain humble. Smartness kills everything.

~Sherwood Anderson

I think you know that when an American stays away from New York too long something happens to him. Perhaps he becomes a little provincial, a little dead and afraid.

~Sherwood Anderson

You must not become a mere peddler of words. The thing to learn is to know what people are thinking about, not what they say.

~Sherwood Anderson

What's wrong with this egotism? If a man doesn't delight in himself and the force in him and feel that he and it are wonders, how is all life to become important to him?

~Sherwood Anderson

If you are to become a writer you'll have to stop fooling with words.

~Sherwood Anderson

I am constantly amazed at how little painters know about painting, writers about writing, merchants about business, manufacturers about manufacturing. Most men just drift.

~Sherwood Anderson

The moment one of the people took one of the truths to himself, called it his truth, and tried to live his life by it, he became a grotesque and the truth he embraced a falsehood.

~Sherwood Anderson

Learn to draw. Try to make your hand so unconsciously adept that it will put down what you feel without your having to think of your hands. Then you can think of the thing before you.

~Sherwood Anderson

The machines men are so intent on making have carried them very far from the old sweet things.

~Sherwood Anderson

I wanted to run away from everything but I wanted to run towards something too.

~Sherwood Anderson

Father was made for romance. For him there was no such thing as a fact.

~Sherwood Anderson

The writing of words can lead to all sorts of absurdities.

~Sherwood Anderson

Next to occupation is the building up of good taste. That is difficult, slow work. Few achieve it. It means all the difference in the world in the end.

~Sherwood Anderson

Above all avoid taking the advice of men who have no brains and do not know what they are talking about.

~Sherwood Anderson

I am a lover and have not found my thing to love.

~Sherwood Anderson

There is a time in the life of every boy when he for the first time takes the backward view of life. Perhaps that is the moment when he crosses the line into manhood.

~Sherwood Anderson

Nothing gives quite the satisfaction that doing things brings.

~Sherwood Anderson

When a man publishes a book, there are so many stupid things said that he declares he'll never do it again. The praise is almost always

worse than the criticism.

~Sherwood Anderson

There is a kind of shrewdness many men have that enables them to get money. It is the shrewdness of the fox after the chicken. A low order of mentality often goes with it.

~Sherwood Anderson

Realism, in so far as the word means reality to life, is always bad art.

~Sherwood Anderson

The writer, an old man with a white moustache, had some difficulty getting into bed.

~Sherwood Anderson

I had a world, and it slipped away from me. The War blew up more than the bodies of men....It blew ideas away.

~Sherwood Anderson

...she thought that something unexpressed in herself came forth and became a part of an unexpressed something in them.

~Sherwood Anderson

When a job is to be done there's no use putting it off.

~Sherwood Anderson

Would it not be better to have it understood that realism, in so far as the word means reality to life, is always bad art -- although it may possibly be very good journalism?

~Sherwood Anderson

Many people must live and die alone, even in Winesburg.

~Sherwood Anderson

It is all right you're saying you do not need other people, but there are a lot of people who need you.

~Sherwood Anderson

People who have few possessions cling tightly to those they have. That is one of the facts that make life so discouraging.

~Sherwood Anderson

What is to be got at to make the air sweet, the ground good under the feet, can only be got at by failure, trial, again and again and again failure.

~Sherwood Anderson

The disease we all have and that we have to fight against all our lives is ... the disease of self.

~Sherwood Anderson

In youth there are always two forces fighting in people. The warm unthinking little animal struggles against the thing that reflects and remembers

~Sherwood Anderson

Most people are afraid to trust their imaginations and the artist is not.

~Sherwood Anderson

Dare to be strong and courageous. That is the road. Venture anything. Be brave enough to dare to be loved. Be something more than man or woman. Be Tandy.

~Sherwood Anderson

I feel that I am writing out of a full life. I am a rich man, rich in men known, in adventures had. I am rich with living.

~Sherwood Anderson

All of the people of my time were bound with chains. They had forgotten the long fields and the standing corn. They had forgotten the west winds.

~Sherwood Anderson

It might be that women who have been nurses should not marry physicians. They have too much respect for physicians, are taught to have too much respect

~Sherwood Anderson

A man needs a purpose for real health.

~Sherwood Anderson

He thought about himself and to the young that always brings sadness.

~Sherwood Anderson

Wait and wait. Most people's lives are spent waiting.

~Sherwood Anderson

Everyone in the world is Christ and they are all crucified.

~Sherwood Anderson

There is this thing called life. We live it, not as we intend or wish, but as we are driven on by forces outside and inside ourselves.

~Sherwood Anderson

It is no use. I find it impossible to work with security staring me in the face.

~Sherwood Anderson

People keep on getting married. Evidently hope is eternal in the human breast.

~Sherwood Anderson

Friends you have, people you love, die and are born again.

~Sherwood Anderson

Only the few know the sweetness of the twisted apples.

~Sherwood Anderson

You can make a killing as a playwright in America, but you can't make a living.

~Sherwood Anderson

Work accomplished means little. It is in the past. What we all want is the glorious and living present.

~Sherwood Anderson

You must try to forget all you have learned," said the old man. "You must begin to dream. From this time on you must shut your ears to the roaring of the voices.

~Sherwood Anderson

I am a lover and have not found my thing to love. That is a big point if you know enough to realize what I mean. It makes my destruction inevitable, you see. There are few who understand that.

~Sherwood Anderson

It has long been my desire to be a little worm in the fair apple of Progress.

~Sherwood Anderson

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