

Vasily Grossman Quotes

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Human history is not the battle of good struggling to overcome evil. It is a battle fought by a great evil struggling to crush a small kernel of human kindness.

~Vasily Grossman

At war a Russian man puts on a white shirt. He may live in sin, but he dies like a saint.

~Vasily Grossman

The longer a nation's history, the more wars, invasions, wanderings, and periods of captivity it has seen-the greater the diversity of its faces.

~Vasily Grossman

I don't want you to be young and beautiful. I only want one thing. I want you to be kind-hearted - and not just towards cats and dogs.

~Vasily Grossman

I have written only what I have thought through, felt through and suffered through.

~Vasily Grossman

There's nothing more difficult than saying goodbye to a house where you've suffered.

~Vasily Grossman

He was endowed with the extraordinary powers of endurance characteristic of madmen and simpletons.

~Vasily Grossman

The sea was not freedom; it was a likeness of freedom, a symbol of freedom...How splendid freedom must be if a mere likeness of it, a mere reminder of it, is enough to fill a man with happiness.

~Vasily Grossman

There are people whose souls have just withered, people who are willing to go along with anything evil - anything so as not to be suspected of disagreeing with whoever is in power.

~Vasily Grossman

I don't believe in your "Good". I believe in human kindness.

~Vasily Grossman

Humanity will live as long as there are humans.

~Vasily Grossman

Why do people have memories? It would be easier to die - anything to stop remembering.

~Vasily Grossman

Thousands of people are being buried and no one attends the funerals,' said one of the soldiers. 'In peacetime it's the other way round: one coffin and a hundred people carrying flowers.

~Vasily Grossman

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