

Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Quotes

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When truth is replaced by silence, the silence is a lie.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Why is it that right-wing bastards always stand shoulder to shoulder in solidarity, while liberals fall out among themselves?

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Give me a mystery - just a plain and simple one - a mystery which is diffidence and silence, a slim little bare-foot mystery: give me a mystery - just one!

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

One day posterity will remember these strange times, when ordinary common honesty was called courage.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Ever since then I have known that if all the values in this world are more or less questionable, the most important thing in life is kindness.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Unfortunately justice is the train that's nearly always late.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Translation is like a woman. If it is beautiful, it is not faithful. If it is faithful, it is most certainly not beautiful.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

There is no need to fear the strong. All one needs is to know the method of overcoming them. There is a special jujitsu for every strong man.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Life is a rainbow which also includes black.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

A poet's autobiography is his poetry. Anything else can only be a footnote.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Envy is an insult to oneself.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Sorrow happens, hardship happens, the hell with it, who never knew the price of happiness, will not be happy.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Poetry is like a bird, it ignores all frontiers.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

In any man who dies there dies with him his first snow and kiss and fight... Not people die but worlds die in them.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

But time has a way of demonstrating the most stubborn are the most intelligent.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

To partly remain a child: that is to be really mature.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

In general, in poetry and literature, I am among those people who believe that too much is indispensable.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Only when the sense of the pain of others begins does man begin

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

When there is freedom of speech, I've found that the majority of people really have nothing to say.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Character begins to form at the first pinch of anxiety about ourselves.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

True sport is always a duel, a duel with nature, with one's own fear, with one's own fatigue, a duel in which the body and the mind are strengthened.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

In my blood there is no Jewish blood. In their callous rage, all anti-Semites must hate me now as a Jew. For that reason I am a true Russian.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

No people are uninteresting. Their fate is like the chronicles of planets. Nothing in them is not particular, and planet is dissimilar from planet.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

I love sport because I love life, and sport is one of the basic joys of life.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Be equal to your talent, not your age. At times let the gap between them be embarrassing.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

He who is conceived in a cage, yearns for the cage.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

In Russia all tyrants believe poets to be their worst enemies.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Those who are used to a cage will weep for a cage.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Literature has to serve as a moral control of politics.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

No Jewish blood runs among my blood, but I am as bitterly and hardly hated by every anti-semitic as if I were a Jew. By this I am a Russian.

~Yevgeny Yevtushenko

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