

Zoe Leonard Quotes

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What I've always liked about photography is that it's such a direct way of showing what's on my mind. I see something. I show it to you.

~Zoe Leonard

Progress is always an exchange. We gain something, we give something else up. I'm interested in looking at some of what we are losing.

~Zoe Leonard

I'll finish a body of work and think, "Okay, I got nothing. That was it. I'm done." And then you'll turn a corner and be like, "Oh my God!" And it keeps happening. I feel so lucky.

~Zoe Leonard

I've been taking pictures since I was probably 16. I'm 54, and I can't believe how excited I am.

~Zoe Leonard

There's a lot of psychological material that you inherit from your family.

~Zoe Leonard

I don't think any of us thought Donald Trump could get this far.

~Zoe Leonard

By nature, I'm a little distractible. I get very overwhelmed by the world.

~Zoe Leonard

I'm always learning. I can't imagine doing anything else.

~Zoe Leonard

I'm in all of my work, and there's nowhere to hide when you make work.

~Zoe Leonard

I never heard the term "art world" until I was in my thirties, and I was like, "What are you guys talking about?" It's the world, and we all live in the world!

~Zoe Leonard

You need to have your eyes open because it's really scary what's happening.

~Zoe Leonard

I choose to work behind the camera. And I kind of want to make the work and then run away. The presentation of myself really feels complicated for me.

~Zoe Leonard

The world feels overwhelming to me on every level. Just the number of organisms that live on this planet. Our politics, our violence, psychology, emotions; there's just a lot going on, right?

~Zoe Leonard

I like getting stuff out of the way so you can see something clearly, see it sharply, have it be new again.

~Zoe Leonard

When people look at a photograph, they believe it... My photographs crawl along that edge. I document the world, but from my own biased point of view.

~Zoe Leonard

I think making things that appear simple is incredibly hard.

~Zoe Leonard

I'm always amazed at how people make work no matter how intense the pressure.

~Zoe Leonard

If the work is the horse, a career makes a great cart.

~Zoe Leonard

I'd grown up poor; I had no idea what it was like to be comfortable.

~Zoe Leonard

I don't quite understand how a generation and a half after the Second World War we've gotten where we are now.

~Zoe Leonard

There's a desire for me in the work, even when I'm looking at the past, to be looking from the present. It's to be here now. It's looking in the present tense.

~Zoe Leonard

I was really poor for most of my adult life.

~Zoe Leonard

I really loved music and went to a lot of clubs to see bands and dance. I loved going out.

~Zoe Leonard

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