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Quotes by Duncan, Isadora

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Isadora Duncan (May 27, 1878 - September 14, 1927) was an American dancer.

It seems to me monstrous that anyone should believe that the jazz rhythm expresses America. Jazz rhythm expresses the primitive savage.

- Duncan, Isadora

We may not all break the Ten Commandments, but we are certainly all capable of it. Within us lurks the breaker of all laws, ready to spring out at the first real opportunity.

- Duncan, Isadora

People do not live nowadays. They get about 10% out of life.

- Duncan, Isadora

Art is not necessary at all. All that is necessary to make this world a better place to live in is to love --to love as Christ loved, as Buddha loved.

- Duncan, Isadora

Perhaps he was a bit different from other people, but what really sympathetic person is not a little mad?

- Duncan, Isadora

So that ends my first experience of matrimony, which I always thought a highly over-rated performance.

- Duncan, Isadora

Any intelligent woman who reads the marriage contract and then goes into it, deserves all the consequences.

- Duncan, Isadora

I had learned to have a perfect nausea for the theatre: the continual repetition of the same words and the same gestures, night after night, and the caprices, the way of looking at life, and the entire rigmarole disgusted me.

- Duncan, Isadora

Virtuous people are simply those who have not been tempted sufficiently, because they live in a vegetative state, or because their purposes are so concentrated in one direction that they have not had the leisure to glance around them.

- Duncan, Isadora

The first essential in writing about anything is that the writer should have no experience of the matter.

- Duncan, Isadora

So long as little children are allowed to suffer, there is no true love in this world.

- Duncan, Isadora

The finest inheritance you can give to a child is to allow it to make its own way, completely on its own feet.

- Duncan, Isadora

The only dance masters I could have were Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Walt Whitman and Nietzsche.

- Duncan, Isadora

The real American type can never be a ballet dancer. The legs are too long, the body too supple and the spirit too free for this school of affected grace and toe walking.

- Duncan, Isadora



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