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# Quotes by Nabokov, Vladimir

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The cradle rocks above an abyss, and common sense tells us that our existence is but a brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

It is a short walk from the hallelujah to the hoot.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

A novelist is, like all mortals, more fully at home on the surface of the present than in the ooze of the past.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Genius is an African who dreams up snow.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Between the age limits of nine and fourteen there occur maidens who, to certain bewitched travelers, twice or many times older than they, reveal their true nature which is not human, but nymphic (that is, demoniac); and these chosen creatures I propose to designate as nymphets.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Imagination, the supreme delight of the immortal and the immature, should be limited. In order to enjoy life, we should not enjoy it too much.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Life is a great surprise. I don't see why death should not be an even greater one.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

There are aphorisms that, like airplanes, stay up only while they are in motion.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Treading the soil of the moon, palpating its pebbles, tasting the panic and splendor of the event, feeling in the pit of one's stomach the separation from terra... these form the most romantic sensation an explorer has ever known... this is the only thing I can say about the matter. The utilitarian results do not interest me.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

You can always count on a murderer for a fancy prose style.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

The tiny madman in his padded cell.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Style and Structure are the essence of a book; great ideas are hogwash.

- Nabokov, Vladimir





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