

Photography Quotes

1. You don't take a photograph, you make it. - Ansel Adams
2. Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst. - Henri Cartier-Bresson
3. Beauty can be seen in all things, seeing and composing the beauty is what separates the snapshot from the photograph. - Matt Hardy
4. Nothing happens when you sit at home. I always make it a point to carry a camera with me at all times...I just shoot at what interests me at that moment. - Elliott Erwitt
5. Which of my photographs is my favorite? The one I'm going to take tomorrow. - Imogen Cunningham
6. You've got to push yourself harder. You've got to start looking for pictures nobody else could take. You've got to take the tools you have and probe deeper. - William Albert Allard
7. If I saw something in my viewfinder that looked familiar to me, I would do something to shake it up. - Garry Winogrand
8. I always thought good photos were like good jokes. If you have to explain it, it just isn't that good. - Anonymous
9. Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop. - Ansel Adams
10. It can be a trap of the photographer to think that his or her best pictures were the ones that were hardest to get. - Timothy Allen
11. Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary. - Peter Lindbergh
12. The important thing is not the camera but the eye. - Alfred Eisenstaedt
13. There are two people in every photograph: the photographer and the viewer - Ansel Adams
14. To me, photography is the simultaneous recognition, in a fraction of a second, of the significance of an event as well as of a precise organization of forms that give that event its proper expression. - Henri Cartier-Bresson
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16. If your photographs aren't good enough, you're not close enough. - Robert Cappa who sadly died from stepping on a land mine 'It is possible to get too close!'

17. A lot of photographers think that if they buy a better camera they'll be able to take better photographs. A better camera won't do a thing for you if you don't have anything in your head or in your heart. Arnold Newman

18. Pictures, regardless of how they are created and recreated, are intended to be looked at. This brings to the forefront not the technology of imaging, which of course is important, but rather what we might call the eyenology (seeing). - Henri Cartier-Bresson

19. The word 'art' is very slippery. It really has no importance in relation to one's work. I work for the pleasure, for the pleasure of the work, and everything else is a matter for the critics. - Manuel Alvarez Bravo

20. People say photographs don't lie, mine do. - David LaChapelle

21. The single most important component of a camera is the twelve inches behind it. - Ansel Adams

22. You cannot depend on your eyes if your imagination is out of focus - Mark Twain