

Susan B. Anthony Quotes



“Sooner or later we all discover that the important moments in life are not the advertised ones, not the birthdays, the graduations, the weddings, not the great goals achieved. The real milestones are less prepossessing. They come to the door of memory unannounced, stray dogs that amble in, sniff around a bit and simply never leave. Our lives are measured by these.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“It would be ridiculous to talk of male and female atmospheres, male and female springs or rains, male and female sunshine. . . . [H]ow much more ridiculous is it in relation to mind, to soul, to thought . . . , to talk of male and female education and of male and female schools.”

— Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

“Forget conventionalisms; forget what the world thinks of you stepping out of your place; think your best thoughts, speak your best words, work your best works, looking to your own conscience for approval.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“I think the girl who is able to earn her own living and pay her own way should be as happy as anybody on earth. The sense of independence and security is very sweet.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“Let me tell you what I think of bicycling. I think it has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world. It gives women a feeling of freedom and self-reliance. I stand and rejoice every time I see a woman ride by on a wheel . . . the picture of free, untrammelled womanhood.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“There is not a woman born who desires to eat the bread of dependence, no matter whether it be from the hand of father, husband, or brother; for anyone who does so eat her bread places herself in the power of the person from whom she takes it.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“The industrial upheavals of our time have exposed the unjust limitations placed upon women. We must unite and demand not only the ballot but also a redefinition of our roles and rights in this changing society.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“Woman must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect herself.”

— Susan B. Anthony

“I don’t want to die as long as I can work; the minute I can not, I want to go.”

— Susan B. Anthony