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Diane Arbus (b. Diane Nemerov, March 14, 1923, New York City; d. (suicide) July 26, 1971) was an American photographer.

Everybody has that thing where they need to look one way but they come out looking another way and that's what people observe. You see someone on the street and essentially what you notice about them is the flaw. It's just extraordinary that we should have been given these peculiarities. Something is ironic in the world and it has to do with the fact that what you intend never comes out like you intend it.

- Arbus, Diane

It gets to seem as if way back in the Garden of Eden after the Fall, Adam and Eve had begged the Lord to forgive them and He, in his boundless exasperation, had said, All right, then. Stay. Stay in the Garden. Get civilized. Procreate. Muck it up. And they did.

- Arbus, Diane

A photograph is a secret about a secret. The more it tells you the less you know.

- Arbus, Diane

If I were just curious, it would be very hard to say to someone, I want to come to your house and have you talk to me and tell me the story of your life. I mean people are going to say, You're crazy. Plus they're going to keep mighty guarded. But the camera is a kind

of license. A lot of people, they want to be paid that much attention and that's a reasonable kind of attention to be paid.

- Arbus, Diane

My favorite thing is to go where I have never gone.

- Arbus, Diane



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