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Quotes about Housework

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Housekeeping ain't no joke.

- Alcott, Louisa May

The works of women are symbolical. We sew, sew, prick our fingers, dull our sight, producing what? A pair of slippers, sir, to put on when you're weary -- or a stool. To stumble over and vex you... curse that stool! Or else at best, a cushion, where you lean and sleep, and dream of something we are not, but would be for your sake. Alas, alas! This hurts most, this... that, after all, we are paid the worth of our work, perhaps.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

I make no secret of the fact that I would rather lie on a sofa than sweep beneath it. But you have to be efficient if you're going to be lazy.

- Conran, Shirley

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

- Diller, Phyllis

The suburban housewife -- she was the dream image of the young American women and the envy, it was said, of women all over the world. The American housewife -- freed by

science and labor-saving appliances from the drudgery, the dangers of childbirth, and the illnesses of her grandmother had found true feminine fulfillment.

- Friedan, Betty

The labor of women in the house, certainly, enables men to produce more wealth than they otherwise could; and in this way women are economic factors in society. But so are horses.

- Gillman, Charlotte P.

Now, as always, the most automated appliance in a household is the mother.

- Jones, Beverly

Perhaps all artists were, in a sense, housewives: tenders of the earth household.

- Jong, Erica

You all know that even when women have full rights, they still remain fatally downtrodden because all housework is left to them. In most cases housework is the most unproductive, the most barbarous and the most arduous work a woman can do. It is exceptionally petty and does not include anything that would in any way promote the development of the woman.

- Lenin, Vladimir Ilyich

The labor of keeping house is labor in its most naked state, for labor is toil that never finishes, toil that has to be begun again the moment it is completed, toil that is destroyed

and consumed by the life process.

- Mccarthy, Mary

Each home has been reduced to the bare essentials -- to barer essentials than most primitive people would consider possible. Only one woman's hands to feed the baby, answer the telephone, turn off the gas under the pot that is boiling over, soothe the older child who has broken a toy, and open both doors at once. She is a nutritionist, a child psychologist, an engineer, a production manager, an expert buyer, all in one. Her husband sees her as free to plan her own time, and envies her; she sees him as having regular hours and envies him.

- Mead, Margaret

Housework is work directly opposed to the possibility of human self-actualization.

- Oakley, Ann

I hate housework! You make the beds, you do the dishes -- and six months later you have to start all over again.

- Rivers, Joan

For a woman to get a rewarding sense of total creation by way of the multiple monotonous chores that are her daily lot would be as irrational as for an assembly line worker to rejoice that he had created an automobile because he tightened a bolt.

- Stern, Edith Mendel

When it comes to housework the one thing no book of household management can ever tell you is how to begin. Or maybe I mean why.

- Whitehorn, Katharine

Man is made for something better than disturbing dirt.

- Wilde, Oscar



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