

Ahmet Ertegun

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Theres two kinds of music: black soul music, and the white imitation thereof.

~Ahmet Ertegun

It is a great life, this life of music.

~Ahmet Ertegun

There's been so much bad blood between the Kurds and the Turks.

~Ahmet Ertegun

The first time I heard Clyde McPhatter singing with the Dominoes at the Apollo I just fell off my chair

~Ahmet Ertegun

Whenever a songwriter writes a big hit, then the next 20 songs they write - no matter how bad they are - get recorded.

~Ahmet Ertegun

I did a little bit to raise the dignity and recognition of the greatness of African-American music.

~Ahmet Ertegun

My first wife was a theater person.

~Ahmet Ertegun

The songwriters whom we think of being the greatest songwriters usually write one hit and six or seven flops.

~Ahmet Ertegun

The all-time greatest Atlantic group - The Drifters

~Ahmet Ertegun

I used to drink a bottle of vodka a day, every day, for about 40 years and it never occurred to me it'd kill me. If I'd have continued it might

have killed me. My doctor said I should stick to wine.

~Ahmet Ertegun

My father believed very strongly in Ataturk. Ataturk was a very powerful man and a man of great vision.

~Ahmet Ertegun

I became a jazz fan quite early and never went off the path thereafter.

~Ahmet Ertegun

A singer's biographical film should have their music and their voice.

~Ahmet Ertegun

Everyone felt like they knew Ray Charles and in a way they did, because he was embodied by his music.

~Ahmet Ertegun

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