

Anthony Powell Quotes

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Significant, Being Yourself, Want, Events, Answers, Delicate Life, Reading,
Lasts, Tease, Important, Mind*

Writing is a combination of intangible creative fantasy and appallingly hard work.

~Anthony Powell

I get a warm feeling among my books.

~Anthony Powell

Literature illuminates life only for those to whom books are a necessity.

~Anthony Powell

It is not what happens to people that is significant, but what they think happens to them.

~Anthony Powell

One of the worst things about life is not how nasty the nasty people are. You know that already. It is how nasty the nice people can be.

~Anthony Powell

The whole idea of interviews is in itself absurd - one cannot answer deep questions about what one's life was like - one writes novels about it.

~Anthony Powell

Parents. . . are sometimes a bit of a disappointment to their children. They don't fulfil the promise of their early years.

~Anthony Powell

One passes through the world knowing few, if any, of the important things about even the people with whom one has been from time to time in the closest intimacy.

~Anthony Powell

He fell in love with himself at first sight and it is a passion to which he has always remained faithful. Selflove seems so often unrequited.

~Anthony Powell

Books do furnish a room.

~Anthony Powell

Self-love seems so often unrequited.

~Anthony Powell

Self-pity is essentially humorless, devoid of that lightness of touch which gives understanding of life.

~Anthony Powell

There is, after all, no pleasure like that given by a woman who really wants to see you.

~Anthony Powell

Writing is above all a question of instinct.

~Anthony Powell

Dinner at the Huntercombes' possessed only two dramatic features - the wine was a farce and the food a tragedy.

~Anthony Powell

A dance to the music of time.

~Anthony Powell

[T]here is no greater sign of innate misery than a love of teasing.

~Anthony Powell

You have to be a product of the product.

~Anthony Powell

Few persons who have ever sat for a portrait can have felt anything but inferior while the process is going on.

~Anthony Powell

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