

# Arne Jacobsen

## Quotes

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Clearly, if a building is not functionally and technically in order, then it isn't architecture either, it's just a building.

~Arne Jacobsen

There is always a point when one senses ones lack of skill, the doubt

~Arne Jacobsen

If a building becomes architecture, then it is art.

~Arne Jacobsen

I have no philosophy, my favourite thing is sitting in the studio.

~Arne Jacobsen

Besides, I think that when one has been through a boarding school, especially then, you have some resistance, because it was both fine comradeship and a fairly hard training.

~Arne Jacobsen

The primary factor is proportions.

~Arne Jacobsen

People buy a chair, and they don't really care who designed it.

~Arne Jacobsen

I do not feel certain until I have confronted my initial solution with other solutions - although in fact the first solution often proves to be the right one.

~Arne Jacobsen

It may sound affected - but it is the act of creation itself, and it is equally exhilarating whether one is working on a teaspoon or a national bank.

~Arne Jacobsen

A pastry usually tastes better if it looks nice. A cream pastry, now that

looks nice - in fact, there is nothing I mind as long as it looks nice.

~Arne Jacobsen

If architecture had nothing to do with art, it would be astonishingly easy to build houses, but the architect's task - his most difficult task - is always that of selecting.

~Arne Jacobsen

None of us has invented the house; that was done many thousands of years ago.

~Arne Jacobsen

Architecture tends to consume everything else, it has become one's entire life.

~Arne Jacobsen

I don't see that any buildings should be excluded from the term architecture, as long as they are done properly.

~Arne Jacobsen

Carrying out the thing, getting it to the point when one might say: There, now it is good - that point is hard to reach. Often, one sets very high goals for oneself. Perhaps too high.

~Arne Jacobsen

Proportions are what makes the old Greek temples classic in their beauty. They are like huge blocks, from which the air has been literally hewn out between the columns.

~Arne Jacobsen

In a way, the sense of quality has improved, the status symbol of the small things is gone, and it is acceptable to use stainless steel, even if the neighbour uses silver.

~Arne Jacobsen

Now, the downside to conservation is that so much is done for the public, which almost always mars the environment that one wanted to conserve.

~Arne Jacobsen

On the other hand, I don't understand the enthusiasm for everything in the antique shop that Grandma threw out. There, the sense of quality has declined; otherwise Grandma wouldn't have thrown it out.

~Arne Jacobsen

That is the artistic task: To choose the best from these solutions.

~Arne Jacobsen

But I think that parents who criticise their children too much are in fact better than parents who praise their children too much.

~Arne Jacobsen

When I travel, I draw and paint sketches which is great fun. And as long as you are fully aware that it has nothing to do with actual art, I think that's all right.

~Arne Jacobsen

With a painter or a sculptor, one cannot begin to alter his works, but an architect has to put up with anything, because he makes utility objects - the building is there to be used, and times change.

~Arne Jacobsen

Almost every time I make a building, some people will condemn it straight to Hell.

~Arne Jacobsen

I am going to be working on bathroom fittings for a company in the USA, and then I thought it was appropriate to simplify the fittings and, thus, lowering the cost.

~Arne Jacobsen

You will soon find that I am a bit obsessive about my work. And that is a little sad, one often feels strangely restricted, not finding time to simmer, although one actually has many interests.

~Arne Jacobsen

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