

Art Buchwald Quotes

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The best things in life aren't things.

~Art Buchwald

People who live in glass houses have to wash their windows all the time.

~Art Buchwald

There isn't a child who hasn't gone out into the brave new world who eventually doesn't return to the old homestead carrying a bundle of dirty clothes.

~Art Buchwald

Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we've got.

~Art Buchwald

The buffalo isn't as dangerous as everyone makes him out to be. Statistics prove that in the United States more Americans are killed in automobile accidents than are killed by buffalo.

~Art Buchwald

You can't make up anything anymore. The world itself is a satire. All you're doing is recording it.

~Art Buchwald

If you attack the establishment long enough and hard enough, they will make you a member of it.

~Art Buchwald

The things that matter most are not things.

~Art Buchwald

This is not an easy time for humorists because the government is far funnier than we are.

~Art Buchwald

I worship the quicksand he [Richard Nixon] walks in.

~Art Buchwald

This is a wonderful way to celebrate an 80th birthday... I wanted to be 65 again, but they wouldn't let me - Homeland Security.

~Art Buchwald

If President Nixon's secretary, Rosemary Woods, had been Moses' secretary, there would only be eight commandments.

~Art Buchwald

I look at life as being cruise director on the Titanic. I may not get there, but I'm going first class.

~Art Buchwald

Every once in a while your world stands still... There are certain friendships that are so important they leave a mark on you long after the person is gone.

~Art Buchwald

An economist is a man who knows a hundred ways of making love but doesn't know any women.

~Art Buchwald

This is what makes me happy: Remembering where I put my house keys.

~Art Buchwald

I always wanted to get into politics, but I was never light enough to make the team.

~Art Buchwald

New York was the glamorous town that you only see now in old movies and on Broadway stages. The sky was lit up with dancing neon signs. It was safe to walk out in the streets.

~Art Buchwald

When I got to the hospice I was under the impression it would be a two- or three-week stay. But here I still am, six weeks later, and I've gotten so well Medicare won't pay for me anymore.

~Art Buchwald

Don't commit suicide, because you might change your mind two weeks later.

~Art Buchwald

Americans are just beginning to regard food the way the French always have. Dinner is not what you do in the evening before something else. Dinner is the evening.

~Art Buchwald

As the economy gets better, everything else gets worse.

~Art Buchwald

I like champagne because it always tastes as though my foot's asleep.

~Art Buchwald

A bad liver is to a Frenchman what a nervous breakdown is to an American. Everyone has had one and everyone wants to talk about it.

~Art Buchwald

If you're hung up on nostalgia, pretend today is yesterday and just go out and have one hell of a time.

~Art Buchwald

I learned quickly that when I made others laugh, they liked me.

~Art Buchwald

Tax reform is taking the taxes off things that have been taxed in the past and putting taxes on things that haven't been taxed before.

~Art Buchwald

Sharing our depressions felt like having survived a war. The experience bonds you to the other person for life.

~Art Buchwald

I have no idea where I'm going but here's the real question: What am I doing here in the first place?

~Art Buchwald

When it came to writing about wine, I did what almost everybody does - faked it

~Art Buchwald

I know it's very egocentric to believe that someone is put on Earth for a reason. In my case, I like to think I was.

~Art Buchwald

Every time you think television has hit its lowest ebb, a new program comes along to make you wonder where you thought the ebb was.

~Art Buchwald

Television has a real problem. They have no page two. Consequently every big story gets the same play and comes across to the viewer as a really big, scary one.

~Art Buchwald

The powder is mixed with water and tastes exactly like powder mixed with water.

~Art Buchwald

Have you ever seen a candidate talking to a rich person on television?

~Art Buchwald

I don't know whether this is the best of times or the worst of times, but I assure you it's the only time you've got. You can either sit on your expletive deleted or pick a daisy.

~Art Buchwald

I didn't go on dialysis because I was 81 years old and I'd done everything I wanted, or so I thought.

~Art Buchwald

I just don't want to die the same day Castro dies

~Art Buchwald

Television has a real problem. They have no page two.

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People are broad-minded. They'll accept the fact that a person can be an alcoholic, a dope fiend, a wife beater and even a newspaperman, but if a man does not drive, there is something wrong with him.

~Art Buchwald

Writing humor in my column isn't as dangerous as performing it. If I fail in front of a live audience, the humiliation is as great as anything a human being can suffer.

~Art Buchwald

Over the years I have met a lot of important people, but no one as important as Elvis Presley.

~Art Buchwald

On the whole I woke up in the morning and was happy to be alive.

~Art Buchwald

I can now say without hesitation the Marine Corps was the best foster home I ever had.

~Art Buchwald

... I could have said something profound, but you would have forgotten it in 15 minutes - which is the afterlife of a graduation speech.

~Art Buchwald

I contemplated suicide. My main concern was that I would not make the New York Times obituary page.

~Art Buchwald

People ask what I am really trying to do with humor. The answer is, "I'm getting even

~Art Buchwald

The best way to clean up a son's room is to close the door and pretend it's not part of the house.

~Art Buchwald

War for most men is not fighting or marching in parades. It is sitting around somewhere wondering what the hell you are supposed to be doing.

~Art Buchwald

Any company executive who overcharges the government more than \$5 million will be fined \$50 or have to go to traffic school three nights a week

~Art Buchwald

I don't know whether it's normal or not, but sex has always been something that I take seriously. I would put it higher than tennis on my list of constructive things to do.

~Art Buchwald

No one ever mentioned it, but thousands of men welcomed World War II as a way to escape their humdrum lives rather than a chance to fight for God and country.

~Art Buchwald

I don't mind 800 million Chinese drinking a bottle [of Coca-Cola] a day, but I don't want them to bring back the empties.

~Art Buchwald

I became a hero to everyone because I didn't take dialysis and was still alive.

~Art Buchwald

While my friends were discussing Pearl Harbor as the country's problem, I took it personally. It dawned on me that the Japanese attack could be my ticket out of high school.

~Art Buchwald

The most important thing about writing a book is having book parties.

~Art Buchwald

Ascot is so exclusive that it is the only racecourse in the world where the horses own the people.

~Art Buchwald

I'm working when I'm fighting with my wife. I constantly ask myself-how can I use this stuff to literary advantage.

~Art Buchwald

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