

# Arthur Smith

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I'm an armchair kind of guy, especially when it's raining, which it always is and always will be.

~Arthur Smith

The outfits come and go but there is a constant that I like about the catwalk model: the snotty expression.

~Arthur Smith

If you want to be happy for a short time, get drunk happy for a long time, fall in love; happy forever, take up gardening.

~Arthur Smith

My eyebrows could do with a trim.

~Arthur Smith

Don Quixote's 'Delusions' is an excellent read - far better than my own forthcoming travel book, 'Walking Backwards Across Tuscany.'

~Arthur Smith

I see my large nose, like half an avocado. I broke it falling downstairs when I was six, and it now resembles a large blob of play-dough.

~Arthur Smith

It is more interesting to be compared to someone famous, because it lets you gauge what perceptions people have about your appearance.

~Arthur Smith

An uninspiring canvas becomes a glamorous masterpiece when it is reattributed to a better-known artist.

~Arthur Smith

The moon puts on an elegant show, different every time in shape, colour and nuance.

~Arthur Smith

Reading the play at home, however fulfilling, can never be the vivacious experience that Shakespeare intended.

~Arthur Smith

The real change that paintings undergo is in the perceptions of the viewer.

~Arthur Smith

I couldn't really see the point of having lunch unless it started at 1:00 and ended a week later in Monte Carlo.

~Arthur Smith

Comedy ages quicker than tragedy, to the extent that we can't know if the 10 commandments may originally have been 10 hilarious one-liners.

~Arthur Smith

Ninety-eight per cent of laughter is nothing to do with jokes, which do not deserve to bear the weight of all the funny stuff in the world.

~Arthur Smith

It was Julie Burchill who decreed that, beyond a certain age, a man should not be seen in a leather jacket.

~Arthur Smith

Listening to Chris Moyles on Radio 1 is the most miserable thing any human being can do, but attending awards ceremonies isn't far behind.

~Arthur Smith

Every generation of children has its private hero.

~Arthur Smith

My sister-in-law believes that few narratives are so tightly constructed that you can't skip boring bits and still keep abreast of what's going on.

~Arthur Smith

After you've read a novel, you only retain a vague memory of its contents. You remember the atmosphere, the odd image or phrase or vivid cameo.

~Arthur Smith

It's worth turning up to an awards gig if you know you've won one but, since you never do know, it's not worth it.

~Arthur Smith

If you want to write something of length, however modern and radical, you must live the life of an elderly gentleman of the 1950s.

~Arthur Smith

I abhor nothing more than bumping into someone I know on the Tube.

~Arthur Smith

I am 54 and age is slowly writing itself on my face.

~Arthur Smith

I find it hilarious that there are academics who try to analyse chemical changes in the brains of students while exposing them to gags.

~Arthur Smith

I read 'Crime and Punishment' years ago and don't recall the details of it, but I do retain a strong sense of the creeping paranoia and panic.

~Arthur Smith

I like doing things I haven't learnt about yet. I've always been interested in art, and I love doing art.

~Arthur Smith

Obviously I am not bothered about men's fashion - is anyone, apart

from Jonathan Ross?

~Arthur Smith

Acting is the most demanding, painful job in the world.

~Arthur Smith

Acting in a stage play is like working the evening shift in an office.

~Arthur Smith

The history of the relationship between comedy and swimming is short indeed. Of course it is always funny when someone falls into water, but that's about it.

~Arthur Smith

About every four years, someone says to me, "I've got a friend who looks exactly like you." What can you say to this?

~Arthur Smith

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