

Ben Elton Quotes

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I'm easy to work with, not a pushover, but I respond to criticism and find it inspiring.

~Ben Elton

And roast beef and Yorkshire pudding is my personal signature dish.

~Ben Elton

No collection of people who are all waiting for the same thing are capable of holding a natural conversation. Even if the thing they are waiting for is only a taxi.

~Ben Elton

You didn't wake up, your dreams just changed gear.

~Ben Elton

The Germans are a cruel race. Their operas last for six hours and they have no word for fluffy.

~Ben Elton

The appropriation of radical thinking by lazy, self-obsessed hippies is a public relations disaster that could cost the earth.

~Ben Elton

People who get through life dependent on other people's possessions are always the first to lecture you on how little possessions count.

~Ben Elton

We've all got to look at ourselves, start with yourself, that's all you can do. I believe that we can act responsibly as a group, it's just that there are vested interests telling us not to bother.

~Ben Elton

Leaders should never, ever try to look cool - that's for dictators

~Ben Elton

If only the strength of the love that people feel when it is reciprocated could be as intense and obsessive as the love we feel when it is not; then marriages would be truly made in heaven.

~Ben Elton

I see dull people as projects ... to be reformed

~Ben Elton

I think it is very difficult to legislate for morality.

~Ben Elton

Comedy will always be central to what I do, it's just an instinct for me, but I am a writer and always have been.

~Ben Elton

The worst thing about being a great power is when you're not one any more. It takes centuries to get over it.

~Ben Elton

Artists don't create society, they reflect it

~Ben Elton

I think trying to be cool is the worst possible ambition - and I have never suffered from it.

~Ben Elton

Sympathy for victims is always counter-balanced by an equal and opposite feeling of resentment towards them.

~Ben Elton

I loved writing 'Two Brothers' more than anything else I have written. It's the first book I've written that I've always known I wanted to write. Having said that, it also kept me awake at nights.

~Ben Elton

This calls for a very special blend of psychology and extreme violence.

~Ben Elton

The earth only has so much bounty to offer and inventing ever larger and more notional prices for that bounty does not change its real value.

~Ben Elton

Books are the key. A book cannot be accessed from afar. You have to hold it, you have to read it.

~Ben Elton

I try hard not to preach, but I get carried away, which is a mistake, but it's a risk worth running.

~Ben Elton

For the past seventeen years I have been experimenting with lager. I am a lager user and one drug leads to another. If you do lager, as night follows day, you'll end up doing Kentucky Fried Chicken.

~Ben Elton

There are lots of things I could have done for the money, but I've made a great living doing the things I want to do.

~Ben Elton

My advice to anyone adapting a novel is that once they've read it and learnt to understand it, then they must throw it away and never look at it again!

~Ben Elton

I don't consider myself Jewish. I am half-Jewish by race but not through my mother.

~Ben Elton

If I did things for the money, I'd have done adverts in the 1980s, when I

was hot enough to be offered them, and 'Police Academy 6,' which I was asked to write.

~Ben Elton

You're mugging old ladies every bit as much if you pinch their pension fund

~Ben Elton

I resent the creation of a world in which beauty is a reminder of what we're losing rather than a celebration of what we have.

~Ben Elton

I exercise hard and the reason I do is so that I can earn the things I like to consume.

~Ben Elton

I'm lucky because the strongest emotion I have ever felt is being in love, and that definitely informs my writing.

~Ben Elton

I find the fact that billionaires are quoted as if the fact that they are billionaires gives them some kind of wisdom is outrageous.

~Ben Elton

My parents were secular. I am an atheist.

~Ben Elton

You think I look like a teletubby?

~Ben Elton

Yes, OK, farty is a silly word. I wish I'd never used it. I'm 34. Perhaps it was a word for my 20s.

~Ben Elton

I did not vote Labour because they've heard of Oasis and nobody is going to vote Tory because William Hague has got a baseball cap.

~Ben Elton

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