

# Ben Katchor

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I always lived in old buildings, and I thought about who lived here before. You'd have to be oblivious not to.

~Ben Katchor

The click [of a light switch] is the modern triumphal clarion proceeding us through life, announcing our entry into every lightless room.

~Ben Katchor

I never wore a watch. I always depend on public clocks, and stores have clocks, but that is strange.

~Ben Katchor

I live in an apartment building built in 1925, and it hasn't been heavily renovated, so I feel very much connected to that time and what went on in that place.

~Ben Katchor

A picture story just doesn't run like a film. It doesn't have 24 frames per second. It doesn't deal with this illusion of movement.

~Ben Katchor

I was born Moishe Ketzelsbord but the Indians call me Maurice Cougar.

~Ben Katchor

I've wasted the last five years of my life dealing in religious articles. People today find spiritual solace in ballroom dancing.

~Ben Katchor

Goat curry and a female librarian, that's what I'm in the mood for.

~Ben Katchor

I'm very interested in music and where these sounds of Western music come from.

~Ben Katchor

I think Jewish history did away with a priesthood when the Temple was destroyed, and it became, supposedly, a religion of scholars. A rabbi is just a scholar.

~Ben Katchor

Really interesting novels, they always are so demanding of you on some level that you don't fall asleep.

~Ben Katchor

I think architectural appreciation would be a minor occupation after a nuclear war. People would just be happy to have something to eat.

~Ben Katchor

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