

Bennett Cerf Quotes

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The Detroit String Quartet played Brahms last night. Brahms lost.

~Bennett Cerf

The person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed blessed.

~Bennett Cerf

Middle age is when your old classmates are so grey and wrinkled and bald they don't recognize you.

~Bennett Cerf

For me, a hearty "belly laugh" is one of the beautiful sounds in the world.

~Bennett Cerf

Good manners: The noise you don't make when you're eating soup.

~Bennett Cerf

Gross ignorance is 144 times worse than ordinary ignorance.

~Bennett Cerf

There once was a student named Bessor Whose knowledge grew lessor and lessor. It at last grew so small He knew nothing at all, And today he's a college professor!

~Bennett Cerf

Politicians are like ships: noisiest when lost in a fog.

~Bennett Cerf

In a notable family called Stein There were Gertrude, and Ep, and then Ein. Gert's writing was hazy, Ep's statues were crazy, And nobody understood Ein.

~Bennett Cerf

Football season: The only time of the year when a man can walk down the street with a blond on one arm and a blanket on the other without encountering raised eyebrows.

~Bennett Cerf

An oboe is an ill-wind that nobody blows good.

~Bennett Cerf

Oratory is the art of making a loud noise sound like a deep thought.

~Bennett Cerf

Banquet: a plate of cold, hairy chicken and artificially coloured green peas completely surrounded by dreary speeches and appeals for donations.

~Bennett Cerf

The Atomic Age is here to stay - but are we?

~Bennett Cerf

TV's sameness has destroyed many things, such as the American urge toward independent thought.

~Bennett Cerf

Fame - anyone who says he doesn't like it is crazy

~Bennett Cerf

Do I believe in ghosts? Of course I do. So do you. Deep in the souls of the most sophisticated of us is lurking a fear of the supernatural which all the discoveries of scientists cannot eradicate.

~Bennett Cerf

I don't stutter when I talk to God. He loves me.

~Bennett Cerf

Censor: A self-appointed snoophound who sticks his nose in other people's business.

~Bennett Cerf

There is a mass of people, we might as well admit, who if they weren't watching television, would be doing absolutely nothing else.

~Bennett Cerf

Television, I love it, everything that happened before television lumped together, never caused folks to turn on a street to stare at me, or waitresses to ask for autographs.

~Bennett Cerf

The fact that we don't read more books in America can be traced squarely to the fact that we have newspapers that are about a hundred times as big as the newspapers anywhere else.

~Bennett Cerf

One of the troubles of the day, observes Mr. C.N. Peac, is that once we came upon the little red schoolhouse, whereas now we come upon the little-read school boy.

~Bennett Cerf

One of the greatest threats facing book publishing, and the entire country for that matter, is censorship.

~Bennett Cerf

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