

# Beth Ditto

## Quotes

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It's funny how something so normal and mundane that you see every day-your body-can be controversial. The shock value is intense. It's like carrying an art piece around with you all the time.

~Beth Ditto

Even if you're only wearing trainers and a vest, eyeliner will instantly transform you. People always look put-together when their make-up's on and their eyes are popping - just ask Amy Winehouse!

~Beth Ditto

Even talking, I'm super-loud. I could never have that kind of meek, little wispy whimsical lavender and lace voice. It comes from my body. There's no way I can fight it.

~Beth Ditto

All this fashion stuff - who's cool now - is just a bigger version of the cool kids versus the nerds.

~Beth Ditto

I'm a great believer in karma and the vengeance that it serves up to those who are deliberately mean is generally enough for me.

~Beth Ditto

I'm passionate about color. My best friend and I sit and look at Pantone books for fun.

~Beth Ditto

I'm not sure that I am able to feel embarrassment.

~Beth Ditto

I have been 130 lbs. as well as 215 lbs. I have had blond, strawberry blond, green, pink and purple hair, and none of that has ever exempted me from having lewd comments flung at me in the street.

~Beth Ditto

There is no rule in the pink-triangle guide to coming out that you must wear a rainbow flag cap and organise a full band parade.

~Beth Ditto

I've belched a lot more since I had gall bladder surgery. I don't know why.

~Beth Ditto

I'm shameless, and I love a pun. There's a lot of Beth puns.

~Beth Ditto

'Get a Job' is about all the rich kids we knew when we were younger, kids who never had jobs but always had money for partying or getting their hair done.

~Beth Ditto

I knew that if I wanted to stop being a pushover I had to get comfortable with small rejections myself. That took some work, but because of it I can now say no to other people with a clear conscience.

~Beth Ditto

I'm naturally a mousy blonde, so I dye my hair, and my eyebrows would disappear if I didn't get through at least a pencil a month.

~Beth Ditto

I have a very good relationship with myself. My favourite quote is, "What you think about me is none of my business."

~Beth Ditto

I love Adele so much and it's honestly not because we're both big.

~Beth Ditto

I've had people ask me in interviews what it's like to have money, but that's not how it is. I have a middle-class life. I have a room in London

but not a house, nor a BMW.

~Beth Ditto

I said to my teacher, 'I can't be a singer because I'm not pretty enough, and I'm fat.' And she looked at me and said, 'Tell that to Nell Carter, babe.' That changed my life forever!

~Beth Ditto

I was overcome by the Holy Ghost one time, but in a Baptist way. I was six or seven, and I was saved. I just cried and cried. It was joy!

~Beth Ditto

I never said I wanted to be a singer for the rest of my life.

~Beth Ditto

I think if the world were a fair and just place, there wouldn't even need to be a gay label.

~Beth Ditto

When you get a certain amount of media attention, I think people are like, "Where's your other album?"

~Beth Ditto

Not everyone wants to be sexy everyday, wearing tight dresses and spanx.

~Beth Ditto

I don't love the word luxury because it feels Bougy to me.

~Beth Ditto

The shape is the most important to me because it is what really matters and what's really missing in the market. Anything else is easier.

~Beth Ditto

The fit is my main focus, I want the fit to be great and that's the focal point for me.

~Beth Ditto

I always was really confident about myself, about my voice, myself as a person, my body, all of those things, but as a songwriter - I just didn't identify as a songwriter at all.

~Beth Ditto

We have to stop this idea that we have to be a certain shape.

~Beth Ditto

My dad liked to boil a squirrel head and suck the brains out the nose. Smaller than a chicken, bigger than a rat.

~Beth Ditto

When I was a kid Ellen DeGeneres and Rosie O'Donnell were mere blips on the gaydar; and they were both still in the closet.

~Beth Ditto

I support love any healthy way you can get it.

~Beth Ditto

Sometimes love can mean letting go and loving each other from a distance. Maybe that's what you're feeling?

~Beth Ditto

Life is not about creating an unreal existence. People should be challenged to find something cool about the mundane.

~Beth Ditto

Starting out really punk came from not knowing any better and listening to music like that, not knowing how to play music - well, still not knowing how to play music.

~Beth Ditto

Aretha Franklin was a teenage mom, a musician who came from an incredible Christian background, and where there was a lot of love, which is really inspiring in a feminist way.

~Beth Ditto

When I think about the idea of Rebel Wilson having to go to the Oscars and not having something amazing to wear that's made for her, it drives me mad.

~Beth Ditto

I am tired of spending a little bit of money in a lot of pieces because they keep on falling apart.

~Beth Ditto

I was given baby doll toys myself, and they proved a stark reminder that my life was expected to revolve around childbearing - just as my mom's had before me, and her mom's had before her.

~Beth Ditto

I love Vivienne Westwood. Her work is so interesting, you can always find something that's great and fits you.

~Beth Ditto

Why wear pants when you can wear a muumuu?

~Beth Ditto

If you have a therapist who agrees with your every word, then your brain isn't getting proper exercise.

~Beth Ditto

I've had a ton of fast-food jobs - it changes your approach to human interaction forever.

~Beth Ditto

I love to make people feel like they are taking a part in their own body and evolution.

~Beth Ditto

For my group of friends is Lady Gaga eye-opening? No. She's a less dangerous version of what was so cool about pop culture in the 80s. Back then it was so gay and so punk in so many ways.

~Beth Ditto

Growing up as a chubby kid with a ton of imaginary friends and a Cyndi Lauper obsession, I learned about rejection early on and was constantly trying to avoid it.

~Beth Ditto

I'm a feminist, of course, and I feel as if I'm very politically correct, although I do question what's PC and what's not - I don't just accept what I'm told.

~Beth Ditto

Just like my straight friends, I am repeatedly asked when I plan to have kids, and have been told many times, by various branches of my bloodline, that "even lesbians can have babies these days."

~Beth Ditto

I'm on a diet. It's very strict: all hot dogs. Just sausages, constantly. It's working out - I've gained fifteen pounds!

~Beth Ditto

I'm like cheddar: Yes, other cheeses are more ooh la la, but I'm strong, mature, and oh so delicious.

~Beth Ditto

I was always being told off at school. The teachers would say: 'Everyone's talking, but you're the one I can hear.'

~Beth Ditto

A weird thing about Gossip that I've always said: "If I weren't in this band, I would never listen to it." But I would go see it. It's a band you would go see that you don't necessarily listen to.

~Beth Ditto

I can take care of a house, and some people I meet, I think, 'You don't even know how to make a bed.'

~Beth Ditto

True love is about being able to accept raw emotions, no matter how difficult.

~Beth Ditto

I work really well under pressure but I really hate doing things on a timeframe.

~Beth Ditto

I hate to do what I'm told, that's why I'm not good at 9-to-5s.

~Beth Ditto

I have learned so much making first collection that I am excited to use all of it towards making the next one even better! It's been an amazing learning curve and experience.

~Beth Ditto

I have no control over what people think of me but I have 100% control of what I think of myself.

~Beth Ditto

To be thin and to stay really thin, sometimes some people literally do



coke all the time. Some people smoke cigarettes instead of eating. That's crazy. But that's 'okay' because you look healthier.

~Beth Ditto

Someone told me once that Lucinda Williams takes six years between albums, and that's what stuck to me; it's like, you really are a factory. You don't do things to make them, on your own time.

~Beth Ditto

There is no shame like poor shame. It can make you warm and charming, bitter and resentful, all at once.

~Beth Ditto

You know, either I'm too fat or I'm flavour of the month. I don't feel either, but maybe I'm both, who knows?

~Beth Ditto

I believe I owe all the best parts of my adulthood to embracing my imperfections and showcasing them.

~Beth Ditto

I know what I want! And I just go for it.

~Beth Ditto

I'm 90% performer, 10% musician. I've always said that Gossip are a band I would go see, not a band I would listen to.

~Beth Ditto

I wish I could open a piece of my brain and you could see into my memories.

~Beth Ditto

I don't have a good attention span and can't spend long in record stores or video shops or games emporiums without getting grumpy.

~Beth Ditto

I mean, if I was living to please people, I'd have never been in a band at all. I wouldn't have anything awesome around. I'd just be bored.

~Beth Ditto

My number-one theory in life is that style is proportional to your lack of resources - the less you have, the more stylish you're likely to be.

~Beth Ditto

When I moved out of my mom's house at 18 I was almost as sad to leave her sewing machine behind as anything else.

~Beth Ditto

A beautiful plant is like having a friend around the house.

~Beth Ditto

ABBA was a direct influence on me.

~Beth Ditto

I shave my body in all kinds of ways, wear tons of eyeliner and dye my hair pink.

~Beth Ditto

I don't feel famous and I didn't want my autobiography to be like a Paris Hilton story.

~Beth Ditto

Instagram is a Roman arena of insults. Everyone is a lion, but it is fun.

~Beth Ditto

I love sad songs. They say so much. I love country music but even the happy songs sound really sad.

~Beth Ditto

This archaic idea - that a woman who is unmarried and childless at 30 is somehow unnatural - will probably always exist, and, like most social standards, it is ridiculous.

~Beth Ditto

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