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I address you all tonight for who you truly are: wizards, mermaids, travelers, adventurers, and magicians. You are the true dreamers.

~Brian Selznick

Maybe we are all cabinets of wonders.

~Brian Selznick

Ben wished the world was organized by the Dewey decimal system. That way you'd be able to find whatever you were looking for.

~Brian Selznick

If you've ever wondered where your dreams come from when you go to sleep at night, just look around. This is where they are made.

~Brian Selznick

You can make up your own story when you look at a photo.

~Brian Selznick

I think when I'm drawing, I'm seeing what's happening on the page almost as if it were unfolding like a movie in my head.

~Brian Selznick

I hope the snow covers everything so all the footsteps are silenced, and the whole city can be at peace.

~Brian Selznick

Like a mermaid rising from an ocean of paper, the girl emerged across the room.

~Brian Selznick

I love being an illustrator because I get to read really great stories, work with amazing people, travel and see places I never would've seen. And I get to draw all the time.

~Brian Selznick

A friend suggested that I get a job at a children's book store so I could meet kids and read books, and that turned out to be the single best bit of advice I've ever gotten.

~Brian Selznick

If you lose your purpose ... it's like you're broken.

~Brian Selznick

Even if all the clocks in the station break down, thought Hugo, time won't stop. Not even if you really want it to. Like now.

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Fairy tales only happen in movies." -George Melies from The Invention of Hugo Cabret

~Brian Selznick

Once I'm given an idea for a story I have a million ideas on how it should be illustrated, but I don't have a big shoebox full of unfinished ideas.

~Brian Selznick

I think from an early age I was aware of how a camera can tell a story, how a movie camera can affect how the narrative is told.

~Brian Selznick

Well, everything surprises me about the writing process because illustrating comes much more naturally to me than writing does.

~Brian Selznick

I've always loved children's books - it's not that I didn't like them, I just didn't think I wanted to do that. But then I suddenly realized I did.

~Brian Selznick

In that moment, the machinery of the world lined up. Somewhere a clock struck midnight, and Hugo's future seemed to fall perfectly into place.

~Brian Selznick

My house had suddenly turned into a hospital ward.

~Brian Selznick

Having an eye patch actually makes it easier to look through a camera - I don't have to close one eye like everyone else.

~Brian Selznick

Since I spend such a long time making each book, I only choose books that I'm really interested in and that I really love.

~Brian Selznick

I think I always knew that I would do something with art because it was the one thing that I knew I was really good at.

~Brian Selznick

It's fun to see how other artists adapt my work.

~Brian Selznick

I love illustrating for other writers because I am given stories I never would have thought of, and my work as an illustrator is always in support of the story.

~Brian Selznick

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