

# Carl Van Vechten

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There are ... two kinds of people in this world, those who long to be understood and those who long to be misunderstood. It is the irony of life that neither is gratified.

~Carl Van Vechten

The cat, it is well to remember, remains the friend of man because it pleases him to do so and not because he must.

~Carl Van Vechten

The lack of imagination or invention most people display in naming pussies is almost beyond credence.

~Carl Van Vechten

Is a little experience too much to pay for learning to know oneself?

~Carl Van Vechten

One meets the cat in nearly all forms of art...curiously enough she is not a conspicuous figure in Roman or Greek art.

~Carl Van Vechten

The cat is the only animal without visible means of support who still manages to find a living in the city.

~Carl Van Vechten

The cat seldom interferes with other people's rights. His intelligence keeps him from doing many of the fool things that complicate life.

~Carl Van Vechten

Cats have gnosis to a degree that is granted to few bishops.

~Carl Van Vechten

A cat is never vulgar.

~Carl Van Vechten

Cats seldom make mistakes, and they never make the same mistake twice.

~Carl Van Vechten

Note 4. For these and other reasons the cat is also very hard to photograph. The best photographs are instantaneous, as the mere breathing of a cat will blur the fur in a time exposure.

~Carl Van Vechten

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

~Carl Van Vechten

I've photographed everybody from Matisse to Isamu Noguchi.

~Carl Van Vechten

Paris is not a city I should care to approach for the first time after I had passed forty.

~Carl Van Vechten

Cleanliness in the cat world is usually a virtue put above godliness.

~Carl Van Vechten

Catnip is vodka and whisky to most cats.

~Carl Van Vechten

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