

Cecil Beaton Quotes

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More varied than any landscape was the landscape in the sky, with islands of gold and silver, peninsulas of apricot and rose against a background of many shades of turquoise and azure.

~Cecil Beaton

Perhaps the world's second worst crime is boredom. The first is being a bore.

~Cecil Beaton

On close inspection, this device turned out to be a funereal juke box - the result of mixing Lloyd's of London with the principle of the chewing gum dispenser.

~Cecil Beaton

All I want is the best of everything and there's very little of that left.

~Cecil Beaton

Intelligent and alert, wistful but enthusiastic, frank yet tactful, assured without conceit and tender without sentimentality.

~Cecil Beaton

The truly fashionable are beyond fashion.

~Cecil Beaton

Miss Marilyn Monroe calls to mind the bouquet of a fireworks display, eliciting from her awed spectators an open-mouthed chorus of ohs and ahs.

~Cecil Beaton

I have the worst ear for criticism, even when I have created a stage set I like, I always hear the woman in the back of the dress circle, who says she doesn't like blue.

~Cecil Beaton

After twenty annual visits, I am still surprised each time I return to see this giant asparagus bed of alabaster and rose and green skyscrapers.

~Cecil Beaton

Americans have an abiding belief in their ability to control reality by purely material means... airline insurance replaces the fear of death with the comforting prospect of cash.

~Cecil Beaton

Love is someone you can be silly with

~Cecil Beaton

What is elegance? Soap and water!

~Cecil Beaton

I can't afford a whole new set of enemies.

~Cecil Beaton

San Francisco is perhaps the most European of all American cities

~Cecil Beaton

I want to make photographs of very elegant women taking the lipstick off their teeth.

~Cecil Beaton

Never in the history of fashion has so little material been raised so high to reveal so much that needs to be covered so badly.

~Cecil Beaton

[He stared into the camera] like some sort of an animal gazing from across the back of its sty. (On Winston Churchill)

~Cecil Beaton

A technical failure that shows some attempt at aesthetic expression is

of infinitely more value than uninspired success.

~Cecil Beaton

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