

Clive Bell Quotes

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The forms of art are inexhaustible; but all lead by the same road of aesthetic emotion to the same world of aesthetic ecstasy.

~Clive Bell

We have no other means of recognising a work of art than our feeling for it.

~Clive Bell

It is not by his mixing and choosing, but by the shapes of his colors, and the combination of those shapes, that we recognize the colorist. Color becomes significant only when it becomes form.

~Clive Bell

It is the mark of great art that its appeal is universal and eternal.

~Clive Bell

Art and religion are, then, two roads by which men escape from circumstance to ecstasy.

~Clive Bell

The starting-point for all systems of aesthetics must be the personal experience of a peculiar emotion. The objects that provoke this emotion we call works of art.

~Clive Bell

Comfort came in with the middle classes.

~Clive Bell

Detail is the heart of realism, and the fatty degeneration of art.

~Clive Bell

All sensitive people agree that there is a peculiar emotion provoked by works of art.

~Clive Bell

It would follow that 'significant form' was form behind which we catch a sense of ultimate reality.

~Clive Bell

I will try to account for the degree of my aesthetic emotion. That, I conceive, is the function of the critic.

~Clive Bell

Do not mistake a crowd of big wage earners for the leisure class.

~Clive Bell

Cezanne is the Christopher Columbus of a new continent of form.

~Clive Bell

There must be some one quality without which a work of art cannot exist; possessing which, in the least degree, no work is altogether worthless.

~Clive Bell

Genius worship is the inevitable sign of an uncreative age.

~Clive Bell

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