

# Conrad Veidt

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I used to think then that I was Bohemian, but I know now that I am not. I prefer order and precision to untidiness and looseness.

~Conrad Veidt

In the middle of my third Hollywood picture *The Magician*, the earthquake hit Hollywood. Not the real earthquake. Just the talkies.

~Conrad Veidt

Have you ever walked late at night through a forest when you are first in love?

~Conrad Veidt

So now it is time to disassemble the parts of the jigsaw puzzle or to piece another one together, for I find that, having come to the end of my story, my life is just beginning.

~Conrad Veidt

No, I was not born with a monocle in my eye.

~Conrad Veidt

I can see now that I should have been strong enough to conquer myself.

~Conrad Veidt

I wish, naturally to prevent the possibility that someone may write an accidental, superficial, incomplete and perhaps untrue picture of me.

~Conrad Veidt

For me, half the joy of achieving has been the struggle and the fight, the pitting myself against the world and all its competition - and winning.

~Conrad Veidt

I have no illusions about my art. I am what the public made me and,

consequently, I am not likely to forget my debt to them.

~Conrad Veidt

What use is there for a biography of myself? I'm just a movie actor.

~Conrad Veidt

An actor remembers his first piece of published praise. It is written on his heart.

~Conrad Veidt

After my mother died, I found, a little book of hers which recorded everything I had ever done, how I had done it, and how proud she was of her son Conrad.

~Conrad Veidt

I turned down the first script offered to me, and the second. I lay on my back one day under an umbrella, in the garden, reading the third, and wondered why I had turned down the first.

~Conrad Veidt

My father died. It is still a deep regret to me this day that in choosing acting as my career I was forced to hurt him. He died too early to see I had done the right, the only thing.

~Conrad Veidt

There must have been something in my nature - I believe, with all my heart, that I have conquered it now - which prevented me from being perfectly happy or making a woman perfectly happy.

~Conrad Veidt

Nothing seems to come up to your expectations. But nothing I had heard about Hollywood was enough.

~Conrad Veidt

I was appalled at the amount of study necessary in order to qualify in medicine, and gradually my desire was blunted by a keener - and secret - wish to become an actor.

~Conrad Veidt

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