

Dave Hickey

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Bad taste is real taste, of course, and good taste is the residue of someone else's privilege.

~Dave Hickey

Beauty is and always will be blue skies and open highway.

~Dave Hickey

Out of sheer perversity, I followed beauty where it lead, into the silence.

~Dave Hickey

Beautiful art sells. If it sells itself, it is an idolatrous commodity; if it sells anything else, it is a seductive advertisement.

~Dave Hickey

Even if one succeeds in making a silk purse out of a sow's ear, there remains the problem of what to do with a one-eared sow.

~Dave Hickey

It used to be that if you stood in front of a painting you didn't understand, you'd have some obligation to guess. Now you don't.

~Dave Hickey

I have no evangelical feelings about art at all. I despise art education. Art doesn't lend itself to education. There is no knowledge there. It's a set of propositions about how things should look.

~Dave Hickey

Art has political consequences, which is to say, it reorganizes society and creates constituencies of people around it.

~Dave Hickey

I don't think the government should touch art. Governments are risk averse. They encourage risk-averse personalities to be artists.

~Dave Hickey

When you really respect somebody who does something different from you, your respect is for the quality of the job.

~Dave Hickey

Gossip is the currency of the discourse, so you should shut up about yourself. Never confess, never explain, never apologize, and never complain.

~Dave Hickey

Art editors and critics - people like me - have become a courtier class.

~Dave Hickey

My mother was an economics professor. I'm proficient in math, and statistics, game theory, symbolic logic and all of that.

~Dave Hickey

I'm retiring because my time is up.

~Dave Hickey

Where do you learn how to act? Not at church. America is a lot more like pagan Rome than we think. We still sacrifice to objects to gain our social goals.

~Dave Hickey

Martha Stewart contributes more to our civility than the Baptist Church.

~Dave Hickey

I think that if you don't like something and it's not easy, you shouldn't be doing it.

~Dave Hickey

I hate all that woozy political and psychotherapeutic crap applied to

books and art.

~Dave Hickey

If I go to London, everyone wants to talk about Damien Hirst. I'm just not interested in him. Never have been.

~Dave Hickey

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