

Dawn Powell

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The human comedy is always tragic, but since its ingredients are always the same - dupe, fox, straight, like burlesque skits - the repetition through the ages is comedy.

~Dawn Powell

Hold fast to whatever fragments of love that exist, for sometimes a mosaic is more beautiful than an unbroken pattern.

~Dawn Powell

Satire is people as they are; romanticism, people as they would like to be; realism, people as they seem with their insides left out.

~Dawn Powell

All Americans come from Ohio originally, if only briefly.

~Dawn Powell

A capacity for going overboard is a requisite for a full-grown mind.

~Dawn Powell

I cannot exist without the oxygen of laughter.

~Dawn Powell

I realize more and more how instinctively pessimistic I am of all human kindness -- since I am always so bowled over by it -- and am never surprised by injustice, malice or personal attack.

~Dawn Powell

Yet better for one of my nature to have it that way than to have life a peaceful, placid flow of quiet contentment. I must have days of rushing excitement.

~Dawn Powell

Joe and Jojo and I had lovely day together. I love Joe so much - more and more.

~Dawn Powell

A novel is like a gland pill - it nips off the cream of my hysterics and gets them running on track in a book where they belong instead of rioting all over my person.

~Dawn Powell

A writer's business is minding other people's business ... all the vices of the village gossip are the virtues of the writer.

~Dawn Powell

The basis of tragedy is man's helplessness against disease, war and death; the basis of comedy is man's helplessness against vanity (the vanity of love, greed, lust, power).

~Dawn Powell

For a genius to be a genius, he must have a selfless slave between himself and the world.

~Dawn Powell

A novel must be a rich forest known at the start only by instinct.

~Dawn Powell

There is really one city for everyone just as there is one major love.

~Dawn Powell

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