

Dodie Smith Quotes

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The family - that dear octopus from whose tentacles we never quite escape, nor, in our inmost hearts, ever quite wish to.

~Dodie Smith

I have found that sitting in a place where you have never sat before can be inspiring.

~Dodie Smith

Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression.

~Dodie Smith

Time takes the ugliness and horror out of death and turns it into beauty.

~Dodie Smith

What is it about the English countryside â€” why is the beauty so much more than visual? Why does it touch one so?

~Dodie Smith

Contemplation seems to be about the only luxury that costs nothing.

~Dodie Smith

Ham with mustard is a meal of glory

~Dodie Smith

It's a beautiful sight to see good dancers doing simple steps. It's a painful sight to see beginners doing complicated patterns.

~Dodie Smith

Like many other much-loved humans, they believed that they owned their dogs, instead of realizing that their dogs owned them.

~Dodie Smith

I suppose the best kind of spring morning is the best weather God has

to offer.

~Dodie Smith

Stew's so comforting on a rainy day.

~Dodie Smith

I shouldn't think even millionaires could eat anything nicer than new bread and real butter and honey for tea.

~Dodie Smith

I like seeing people when they can't see me.

~Dodie Smith

Why is summer mist romantic and autumn mist just sad?

~Dodie Smith

a loss of sensibility follows a loss of innocence, at once a penalty and a compensation.

~Dodie Smith

Though he had very little Latin beyond "Cave canem," he had, as a young dog, devoured Shakespeare (in a tasty leather binding).

~Dodie Smith

extreme happiness invites religion almost as much as extreme misery.

~Dodie Smith

And no bathroom on earth will make up for marrying a bearded man you hate.

~Dodie Smith

When things mean a very great deal to you, exciting anticipation just isn't safe.

~Dodie Smith

Perhaps if I make myself write I shall find out what is wrong with me.

~Dodie Smith

I am a restlessness inside a stillness inside a restlessness.

~Dodie Smith

Walking down Belmont was the oddest sensation-- every step took us deeper into the mist until at last it closed over our heads. It was like being drowned in the ghost of water.

~Dodie Smith

Perhaps watching someone you love suffer can teach you even more than suffering yourself can.

~Dodie Smith

I only want to write. And there's no college for that except life.

~Dodie Smith

People's clothes ought to be buried with them.

~Dodie Smith

Everything in the least connected with him has value for me; if someone even mentions his name it is like a little present to me-and I long to mention it myself

~Dodie Smith

Topaz was wonderfully patient - but sometimes I wonder if it is not only patience, but also a faint resemblance to cows.

~Dodie Smith

Still, looking through the old volumes was soothing, because thinking of the past made the present seem a little less real.

~Dodie Smith

It is rather exciting to write by moonlight.

~Dodie Smith

I write this sitting in the kitchen sink.

~Dodie Smith

What a tiny list of friends I have! All my fault. I less and less want to see people.

~Dodie Smith

There was a wonderful atmosphere of gentle age, a smell of flowers and beeswax, sweet yet faintly sour and musty; a smell that makes you feel very tender towards the past.

~Dodie Smith

Perhaps it would really be rather dull to be married and settled for life. Liar! It would be heaven.

~Dodie Smith

Well, my paper has asked me to do a series: Lives of the Great Musicians, reading time 2 minutes.

~Dodie Smith

Oh, it is wonderful to wake up in the morning with things to look forward to!

~Dodie Smith

Oh, wise young judge.

~Dodie Smith

Cruel blows of fate call for extreme kindness in the family circle.

~Dodie Smith

...surely I could give him--a sort of contentment... That isn't enough to

give. Not for the giver.

~Dodie Smith

Prayer's a very tricky business.

~Dodie Smith

So many of the loveliest things in England are melancholy.

~Dodie Smith

The tea was a comfort - and by that time I more than needed comfort.

~Dodie Smith

I know all about the facts of life, and I don't think much of them.

~Dodie Smith

The Devil's out of fashion.

~Dodie Smith

Only half a page left now. Shall I fill it with 'I love you, I love you'-- like father's page of cats on the mat? No. Even a broken heart doesn't warrant a waste of good paper.

~Dodie Smith

How I wish I lived in a Jane Austen novel!

~Dodie Smith

I wanted so terribly to be good to him.

~Dodie Smith

Oh, comfortable cocoa!

~Dodie Smith

I found it quite easy to carry on a casual conversation it was as if my real feelings were down fathoms deep in my mind and what we said

was just a feathery surface spray.

~Dodie Smith

How can a young man like to wear a beard?

~Dodie Smith

I could marry the Devil himself if he had some money.

~Dodie Smith

...With stories even a page can take me hours, but the truth seems to flow out as fast as I can get it down.

~Dodie Smith

Father says hot water can be as stimulating as an alcoholic drink and though I never come by one...I can well believe it.

~Dodie Smith

My God - it's a green child!" said the American. "What is this place - the House of Usher?"

~Dodie Smith

I have noticed that rooms which are extra clean feel extra cold

~Dodie Smith

I should rather like to tear these last pages out of the book. Shall I?
No-a journal ought not to cheat.

~Dodie Smith

Americans do seem to say things which make the English notice England.

~Dodie Smith

I have really sinned. I am going to pause now, and sit here on the mound repenting in deepest shame.

~Dodie Smith

I wonder if there isn't a catch about having plenty of money? Does it eventually take the pleasure out of things?

~Dodie Smith

I think it [religion] is an art, the greatest one; an extension of the communion all the other arts attempt.

~Dodie Smith

Rose doesn't like the flat country, but I always did - flat country seems to give the sky such a chance.

~Dodie Smith

I'm convinced England's overflowing with eccentric people, places, happenings. Indeed, you might say eccentricity's normal in England.

~Dodie Smith

... for I know I shall be interrupted-- I shall want to be, really, because life is too exciting to sit still for long.

~Dodie Smith

Sometimes [the expression] old age has a kind of harrowing beauty. But elderly - ugh!

~Dodie Smith

Perhaps what you call conventionality, I call decency.

~Dodie Smith

And who says you always have to understand things? You can like them without understanding them -- like 'em better sometimes.

~Dodie Smith

There is something revolting about the way girls' minds so often jump to

marriage long before they jump to love.

~Dodie Smith

Wakings are the worst times--almost before my eyes are open a great weight seems to roll on my heart.

~Dodie Smith

It's odd how different a house feels when one is alone in it. It makes it easier to think rather private thoughts.

~Dodie Smith

The one Bach piece I learnt made me feel I was being repeatedly hit on the head with a teaspoon.

~Dodie Smith

I wanted to know more about the young ... strange that though they laughed so loud, they so seldom smiled. Perhaps laughter was involuntary whereas smiling was part of an attitude to life.

~Dodie Smith

Ah, but you're the insidious type--Jane Eyre with of touch of Becky Sharp. A thoroughly dangerous girl.

~Dodie Smith

Even a broken heart doesn't warrant a waste of good paper.

~Dodie Smith

...I have noticed that when things happen in one's imaginings, they never happen in one's life, so I am curbing myself.

~Dodie Smith

Was I the only woman in the world who, at my age - and after a lifetime of quite rampant independence - still did not quite feel grown up?

~Dodie Smith

Only the margin left to write on now. I love you, I love you, I love you.

~Dodie Smith

I was wandering around as usual, in my unpleasantly populated sub-conscious.

~Dodie Smith

If you love people, you take them on trust.

~Dodie Smith

Thinking of death--strange, beautiful, terrible and a long way off--made me feel happier than ever.

~Dodie Smith

Truthfulness so often goes with ruthlessness.

~Dodie Smith

Death is too much to ask of the living.

~Dodie Smith

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