

Helmut Newton

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The desire to discover, the desire to move, to capture the flavor, three concepts that describe the art of photography.

~Helmut Newton

I am very attracted by bad taste-it is a lot more exciting than that supposed good taste which is nothing more than a standardized way of looking at things.

~Helmut Newton

Photography is 10% inspiration and 90% moving furniture.

~Helmut Newton

I hate good taste. It's the worst thing that can happen to a creative person.

~Helmut Newton

My women are always victorious.

~Helmut Newton

It's that I don't like white paper backgrounds. A woman does not live in front of white paper. She lives on the street, in a motor car, in a hotel room.

~Helmut Newton

My job as a portrait photographer is to seduce, amuse and entertain.

~Helmut Newton

There are two dirty words in photography, one is art, the other is good taste

~Helmut Newton

Look, I'm not an intellectual - I just take pictures.

~Helmut Newton

...what I try to do is a good bad picture. I work it out very carefully, and then I do something that looks as if it went wrong.

~Helmut Newton

Some people's photography is an art. Not mine. Art is a dirty word in photography. All this fine art crap is killing it already.

~Helmut Newton

Some people's photography is an art. Mine is not. If they happen to be exhibited in a gallery or a museum, that's fine. But that's not why I do them. I'm a gun for hire.

~Helmut Newton

What I find interesting is working in a society with certain taboos and fashion photography is about that kind of society. To have taboos, then to get around them that is interesting.

~Helmut Newton

The point of my photography has always been to challenge myself, to go a little further than my Germanic discipline and Teutonic nature would traditionally permit me to.

~Helmut Newton

Genius and taste don't go together.

~Helmut Newton

Technically, I have not changed very much. Ask my assistants. They'll tell you, I am the easiest photographer to work with. I don't have heavy equipment. I work out of one bag.

~Helmut Newton

I like photographing the people I love, the people I admire, the famous, and especially the infamous. My last infamous subject was the extreme right wing French politician Jean-Marie Le Pen.

~Helmut Newton

In the photographs themselves there's a definite contrast between the figures and the location - I like that kind of California backyard look; clapboard houses, staircases outdoors.

~Helmut Newton

I spend a lot of time preparing. I think a lot about what I want to do. I have prep books, little notebooks in which I write everything down before a sitting. Otherwise I would forget my ideas.

~Helmut Newton

I used to hate doing color. I hated transparency film. The way I did color was by not wanting to know what kind of film was in my camera.

~Helmut Newton

It's quite true that what I am aiming at, even when I take portraits, is to get a scandalous picture. I would love to be a paparazzo.

~Helmut Newton

In my vocabulary there are two bad words: art and good taste.

~Helmut Newton

They often ask me to shoot for them. But I say no. I think an old guy like me ought not take pages away from young photographers who need the exposure.

~Helmut Newton

You should feel that, under the right conditions, all women would be available.

~Helmut Newton

I did find a wonderful girl last year, but the photographs that we did were more about motorcars.

~Helmut Newton

I was lucky to have my wife as the art director, and it turned out to be quite something - a great success. I'm very proud of it.

~Helmut Newton

The photographs don't arouse me. All I can think about is the hard work it took to make them.

~Helmut Newton

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