

# Jilly Cooper Quotes

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Persons, Party, Kindness, Blow, Grass, Class System, Family And Friends, Girl,  
Dazzling, Dust*

Never drink black coffee at lunch; it will keep you awake all afternoon.

~Jilly Cooper

The male - I have found - is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things.

~Jilly Cooper

I have a theory that the secret of marital happiness is simple: drink in different pubs to your other half.

~Jilly Cooper

You've simply got to go on and on with your family and friends and tell them how much you love them because you never know whether they'll be there tomorrow, do you?

~Jilly Cooper

At home I have big vats of cabbage soup that I make to slim down.

~Jilly Cooper

For sheer sexiness, a man must be beautiful. Funny. yes. Clever, no.

~Jilly Cooper

I live at home and, if I want to start work at 11 o'clock, I can.

~Jilly Cooper

Leo, sadly, has Parkinsons, but he used to cook all sorts of dazzling things.

~Jilly Cooper

I think we ought to have a kindness year, or a kindness century.

~Jilly Cooper

I'd never have written the big books in London.

~Jilly Cooper

If you feel compelled to give a New Year's Eve party, don't invite people to arrive too early or they'll go off the boil before midnight.

~Jilly Cooper

People who can write a book usually do.

~Jilly Cooper

I love the long grass coming up to meet the willows.

~Jilly Cooper

I was so flattered that someone wanted me to write a book, I said I would. It was published in 1969.

~Jilly Cooper

And I would really like to be a grandmother, but only when Felix or Emily meet the right person and are ready.

~Jilly Cooper

I'm basically a very happy person and I don't have to be anybody else.

~Jilly Cooper

Without doubt, keep a diary. From the day you're born, keep a diary, because we all forget things so quickly.

~Jilly Cooper

I think it bespeaks a generous nature, a man who can cook.

~Jilly Cooper

I can assure you that the class system is alive and well and living in people's minds in England.

~Jilly Cooper

There is something infinitely dingy about the word workshop. Pray that England doesn't become a nation of workshopkeepers.

~Jilly Cooper

in a village you can't sack or fight with someone, as you'll find yourself stuck beside them in the hairdresser's next morning.

~Jilly Cooper

Always be nice to everyone in the firm on the way up. You never know who you may meet on the way down.

~Jilly Cooper

I wrote my earliest piece for The Sunday Times about being a young wife.

~Jilly Cooper

It must be a terrible pressure to have to go to the office.

~Jilly Cooper

There is nothing more attractive than a man who is not a New Man.

~Jilly Cooper

My own parents loved each other very much.

~Jilly Cooper

I would really like to spend more time with the family. Every time I go abroad I miss them all dreadfully.

~Jilly Cooper

Meetings ... are rather like cocktail parties. You don't want to go, but you're cross not to be asked.

~Jilly Cooper

But I always seem to finish a book and then think, oh God, I've got to pay a tax bill, so I'd better write a novel, so I tend not to stop and learn word processing.

~Jilly Cooper

The only thing a whirlwind courtship does is blow dust in everyone's eyes.

~Jilly Cooper

I'm not wild about holidays. They always seem a ludicrously expensive way of proving there's no place like home.

~Jilly Cooper

Although it is the biggest time-waster in office life, you must never underrate the importance of the memo. You will be judged by the volume of your paper work.

~Jilly Cooper

A lot of meetings are held to arrange when to have meetings. ... Meetings today are usually called conferences to make them sound more significant.

~Jilly Cooper

hurting other people is not excusable because you've been hurt yourself.

~Jilly Cooper

Bachelors begin at thirty-six. Up till this age they are regarded as single men.

~Jilly Cooper

The memo's chief function ... is as a track-coverer, so that you can turn on someone six months later and snarl: 'Well, you should have known about it, I sent you a memo.'

~Jilly Cooper

Go to lots of interviews, at least one a month even when you don't need

a job, to keep in training for when you do.

~Jilly Cooper

But really I'm not terribly interested in what I eat.

~Jilly Cooper

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