

# Julie Burchill

## Quotes

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Amsterdam has more than 150 canals and 1,250 bridges, but it never seems crowded, nor bent and bitter from fleecing the tourist.

~Julie Burchill

It has been said that a pretty face is a passport. But it's not, it's a visa, and it runs out fast.

~Julie Burchill

Families, generally, suck. And I say that as someone who, like my husband, had parents who proved the proverbial exception to the rule.

~Julie Burchill

What sort of sap doesn't know by now that picture-perfect beauty is all done with smoke and mirrors anyway?

~Julie Burchill

The freedom that women were supposed to have found in the Sixties largely boiled down to easy contraception and abortion; things to make life easier for men, in fact.

~Julie Burchill

Here in Barcelona, it's the architects who built the buildings that made the city iconic who are the objects of admiration - not a bunch of half-witted monarchs.

~Julie Burchill

The latest twist on the pampering concept is spa parties, where a group of friends take over an entire spa.

~Julie Burchill

Gluttony and idleness are two of life's great joys, but they are not honourable.

~Julie Burchill

Make no mistake, most women are well aware that they've never had it so good; when they enter a spa or salon, it is purely a hair/nails thing, a prelude to an evening of guilt-free fun.

~Julie Burchill

My second husband believed I had such a fickle attitude to friendship that each Friday he would update the list of my 'Top Ten' friends in the manner of a Top Of The Pops chart countdown.

~Julie Burchill

When the sex war is won prostitutes should be shot as collaborators for their terrible betrayal of all women.

~Julie Burchill

Monarchists frequently declare that without the royal family, Britain would be 'nothing.' What a woeful lack of love for one's country such statements express.

~Julie Burchill

I almost choke on my popcorn when I hear film stars, who walk on red carpets as much as the rest of us do on zebra crossings, criticising youngsters who crave fame.

~Julie Burchill

Show me a frigid woman and, nine times out of ten, I'll show you a little man.

~Julie Burchill

It may be a cliché, but it's true - the build-up to Christmas is so much more pleasurable than the actual day itself.

~Julie Burchill

A good part - and definitely the most fun part - of being a feminist is about frightening men.

~Julie Burchill

A wedding is a funeral which masquerades as a feast. And the greater the pageantry, the deeper the savagery.

~Julie Burchill

A woman who looks like a girl and thinks like a man is the best sort, the most enjoyable to be and the most pleasurable to have and to hold.

~Julie Burchill

Depression is the most extreme form of vanity.

~Julie Burchill

Fame is no sanctuary from the passing of youth... suicide is much easier and more acceptable in Hollywood than growing old gracefully.

~Julie Burchill

As with most liberal sexual ideas, what makes the world a better place for men invariably makes it a duller and more dangerous place for women.

~Julie Burchill

A cynic should never marry an idealist. For the cynic, marriage represents the welcome end of romantic life, with all its agony and ecstasy. But for the idealist, it is only the beginning.

~Julie Burchill

Covering up, so far as I can see, is often the accompaniment to far more truly shameful behaviour than stripping off.

~Julie Burchill

Big women do themselves a disservice when they attempt to become the Righteous Fat (the Righteous Thin are bad enough, all that running around and sweating, somehow believing it means anything).

~Julie Burchill

I feel even less patience with transsexuals.

~Julie Burchill

Now the whole dizzying and delirious range of sexual possibilities has been boiled down to that one big, boring, bulimic word.

RELATIONSHIP.

~Julie Burchill

Surely being a Professional Beauty - let alone an ageing one - is one of the most insecure and doomed careers imaginable.

~Julie Burchill

Sex, on the whole, was meant to be short, nasty and brutish. If what you want is cuddling, you should buy a puppy.

~Julie Burchill

Having 'best friends' is - at least for me - as outdated and small-minded a concept as the idea of 'Sunday best clothes.'

~Julie Burchill

Lots of women love to accuse men of being immature when the fellow in question displays a reluctance to "commit"...

~Julie Burchill

Being a monarchist - saying that one small group is born more worthy of respect than another - is just as warped and strange as being a racist.

~Julie Burchill

What men don't want, in fact what anyone who's any sort of thrill-seeking, intelligent adult doesn't want, is some crushing bore describing their emotions in real time every waking hour.

~Julie Burchill

Women, more often than not, do things which aren't remotely relaxing but are all about preening, which is just another sort of work.

~Julie Burchill

Only those who haven't got the wit to speak for themselves would ever want their clothes to do it for them.

~Julie Burchill

I just have a real problem with people who seek to portray fatness or thinness as moral concepts.

~Julie Burchill

To believe that one, or even three, mates can supply all the things one needs from one's friends is as stupid as believing married couples must do everything together.

~Julie Burchill

What I find most upsetting about this new all-consuming beauty culture is that the obsession with good looks, and how you can supposedly attain them, is almost entirely female-driven.

~Julie Burchill

If you want sex, have an affair. If you want a relationship, buy a dog.

~Julie Burchill

Being a child is horrible. It is slightly better than being a tree or a piece of heavy machinery but not half as good as being a domestic cat.

~Julie Burchill

Knowing that the 'Sex and the City' chicks now rack up almost two centuries between them, why do some of us fuss and hiss about a bit of retouching on their forthcoming film poster?

~Julie Burchill

Being a monarchist, and fawning over those 'above' you, you must naturally despise those 'below' or on the same socioeconomic level as yourself, because that is how hierarchy worship works.

~Julie Burchill

As a kid, I grew to define what I didn't want my life to be like by sitting behind moaning women on the bus, hearing them bang on about their aches and pains, both real and imagined.

~Julie Burchill

Whenever I am sent a new book on the lively arts, the first thing I do is look for myself in the index.

~Julie Burchill

Transsexualism is, basically, just another, more drastic twist on the male menopause.

~Julie Burchill

One Christmas build-up tradition, however, has totally bypassed me - that of going up to town and doing a show.

~Julie Burchill

When I started at the Guardian, though, I couldn't think of anything we saw eye to eye on, except feminism, and even this would soon be arguable as Guardian writers queued up to drool over Eminem.

~Julie Burchill

I won't be going to any New Year's Eve parties because I think they're naff. No one over the age of 15 should bother going to parties.

~Julie Burchill

Presley sounded like Jayne Mansfield looked - blowsy and loud and

low.

~Julie Burchill

I have always voted Labour and I always will. I have got to have one stupid, bovine part of me and that's the part that votes Labour.

~Julie Burchill

Blakes Hotel in South Kensington was a particular favourite of mine during what I affectionately think of as my Restless Years.

~Julie Burchill

But just think what a boring, bread-and-milk world this would be without the boastful.

~Julie Burchill

Nicole Kidman in particular seems to bring out the butt-kisser in the sassiest of hackettes, as they ceaselessly strive to portray her as some sort of cross between Mother Teresa and Marilyn Monroe.

~Julie Burchill

'Stress' was the catch-all every pamper-pedlar I spoke to used to explain why healthy women feel the need to be regularly patted, petted and preened into a state of babyish beatification.

~Julie Burchill

The allegedly 'classy' magazines often seem to be in an endless, undeclared competition to see who can climb furthest up the fundament of Gwyneth Paltrow or Jennifer Lopez.

~Julie Burchill

I don't have a spiritual bone in my body; but what I am, is religious.

~Julie Burchill

I've never been nostalgic, personally or politically - if the past was so



great, how come it's history?

~Julie Burchill

I didn't cry when I left free-booting, smash-and-grab papers that would have appeared to be far more natural homes for me and, at the risk of being vulgar, paid far better for my services.

~Julie Burchill

When actresses jump on the anti-Iraq bandwagon, they often combine down-home momism with an ignorance of Islamist intent which is truly awesome.

~Julie Burchill

When a man wants to relax, he will slob out and really relax. Or he will pursue a hobby - anything from building models to watching sport.

~Julie Burchill

Some say that Cusk has no sense of humour, but expecting giggles from this writer would be akin to expecting sonnets from Benny Hill.

~Julie Burchill

People - and I include myself - get fat because they choose pleasure over self-denial.

~Julie Burchill

It's very hard to imagine the phrase "consumer society" used so cheerfully, and interpreted so enthusiastically, in England.

~Julie Burchill

It's received wisdom that the English are uniquely child-unfriendly.

~Julie Burchill

I'll declare my own interest right here at the start and admit that, like the vast majority of people, I find youthful looks appealing.

~Julie Burchill

I wouldn't know how to fool a man any more. My deceiving days seem so long ago.

~Julie Burchill

I know that Brighton is famously a mixture of the seedy and the elegant, but in the summer of 2001 seediness swamped elegance hands down.

~Julie Burchill

When did women whose looks are not their living start conducting themselves like the simpering inmates of an Ottoman empire seraglio?

~Julie Burchill

Grooming oneself with all the crazed compulsion of an under-exercised lab rat in order to hook a rich man and obtain a lush lifestyle makes a certain (albeit seedy) sense.

~Julie Burchill

It shouldn't come as any surprise that those who choose acting as a profession are phonies who live in a fantasy world. What is surprising is how many of them are blissfully unaware of it.

~Julie Burchill

The Feminist Me says that a woman's right to her own body should be inviolate at all times, free from fear of peeping paps.

~Julie Burchill

Intersectionality may well sound like some unfortunate bowel complaint resulting in copious use of a colostomy bag, and indeed it does contain a large amount of ordure.

~Julie Burchill

Rachel Cusk's books are like pop-up volumes for grown-ups, the prose

springing out of the page to bop you neatly between the eyes with its insights.

~Julie Burchill

Punk was over in two years. That was the only damn good thing about it.

~Julie Burchill

Hooliganism incarnate, a walking, talking, screaming, squawking metaphor for What's Wrong With Young People Today.

~Julie Burchill

It is also interesting to note that the original supermodels are now making a comeback after being dismissed in the Nineties as being 'greedy' by a gaggle of male designers who lived like Sun Kings.

~Julie Burchill

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