

Kate Smith Quotes

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Ice cream was my undoing, and six chocolate milk shakes in a row were nothing to me at one time.

~Kate Smith

Every small town has its dramatic group, its barber-shop quartet, every home has music in one form or another.

~Kate Smith

During the presidential primaries of 1940, I received a request from the Democratic National Committee to sing God Bless America before the speeches.

~Kate Smith

There's no second chance on stage, and I was trained to make the most of my first chance.

~Kate Smith

I must work hard to make my singing above reproach; there must be no faults which hard work would take care of.

~Kate Smith

My singing is part of me, like my stoutness, or my light hair, or my poor eyesight.

~Kate Smith

after several months of probation work, standing on my feet some ten to twelve hours a day, I decided that as a nurse I was a pretty good entertainer.

~Kate Smith

I was always daydreaming about singing in big productions on Broadway.

~Kate Smith

And when all is said and done, there is no greater success in the world than just being happy.

~Kate Smith

I shall always respect the composer. If I embellish, it is his idea I am embellishing.

~Kate Smith

I am continually embarrassed by people who point me out as an example of what can be done without training.

~Kate Smith

Intelligent analysis of the composer's intention and strict adherence to it automatically ensures sincerity.

~Kate Smith

I learn my songs by ear.

~Kate Smith

An entertainer should in his public performance keep himself out of any controversy, political or otherwise.

~Kate Smith

I know I'm fat and I know my hair is straight, but I can sing.

~Kate Smith

I sometimes get that wonderful sympathy between me and the audience, telling me I've reached their hearts. And when I do, the thrill is mine.

~Kate Smith

Public and employer opinion often defeat society's best interests with a prejudice against middle-aged women.

~Kate Smith

Because of my voice, speaking words which had been carefully chosen, women had used money they had set aside for other purposes to buy war bonds.

~Kate Smith

I have never known stage-fright at any time.

~Kate Smith

I could see myself in a white nurse's uniform, working unnoticed for many years and at last dying, unknown, unmarried and unsung.

~Kate Smith

In nearly all ballads, the words set the mood and meaning, while the music intensifies or enhances them.

~Kate Smith

I could not separate myself off stage from myself on stage, as so many actors can.

~Kate Smith

Middle-aged women have greater stability, they are more loyal, and their capacity for steady work is greater than that of younger women.

~Kate Smith

I vowed that whenever my family needed me, I would give up everything to go to them, no matter what. The show must go on was meaningless to me.

~Kate Smith

In 29 years, I had recorded over 2,200 songs. I was amazed.

~Kate Smith

I am harder on myself than anyone else could be.

~Kate Smith

I have personally believed in every product I have ever advertised.

~Kate Smith

I just can't read music.

~Kate Smith

If rock-and-roll is well done, there's nothing so terribly wrong with that kind of music. But the lyrics are another story.

~Kate Smith

This nation loves singing and loves acting.

~Kate Smith

As soon as I began to earn what might be called fairly large sums, I bought a car and began to explore the country around New York.

~Kate Smith

It became obvious in 1957 that I was endangering my health by carrying so much weight.

~Kate Smith

I am exceedingly lucky that my voice, along with perfect pitch and perfect rhythm, was given me at birth.

~Kate Smith

I have always examined closely the motives of any group for which I am asked to raise money.

~Kate Smith

I have been extremely lucky with reviewers and critics throughout my career.

~Kate Smith

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