

Katharine Whitehorn Quotes

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Party, Boys, Book, Home, Christmas, Sports, Looks, Littles, Long, Order*

Find out what you like doing best, and get someone to pay you for it.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The easiest way for your children to learn about money is for you not to have any.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The wind of change, whatever it is, blows most freely through an open mind.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Why do born-again people so often make you wish they'd never been born the first time?

~Katharine Whitehorn

Have you ever taken anything out of the clothes basket because it had become, relatively, the cleaner thing?

~Katharine Whitehorn

It is a pity that so often the only way to treat girls like people seems to be to treat them like boys.

~Katharine Whitehorn

There are some circles in America where it seems to be more socially acceptable to carry a hand-gun than a packet of cigarettes.

~Katharine Whitehorn

A good listener is not someone with nothing to say. A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The main purpose of children's parties is to remind you that there are children more awful than your own.

~Katharine Whitehorn

When it comes to housework the one thing no book of household management can ever tell you is how to begin. Or maybe I mean why.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The disease is painless; it's the cure that hurts.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Any committee that is the slightest use is composed of people who are too busy to want to sit on it for a second longer than they have to.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I just wish, when neither of us has written to my husband's mother, I didn't feel so much worse about it than he does.

~Katharine Whitehorn

As ridiculous to approve of property and let a few men have a grossly unfair share of it, as say you are all for marriage, and then let one man have all the wives.

~Katharine Whitehorn

There's comfort to an awful old dressing-gown a pretty peignoir is powerless to provide, and aging bra elastic, is, I suspect, as near to liberation as most women ever get.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Spring makes everything look filthy.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Whereas a lot of men used to ask for conversation when they really wanted sex, nowadays they often feel obliged to ask for sex even when they really want conversation.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Hats divide generally into three classes: offensive hats, defensive hats,

and shrapnel.

~Katharine Whitehorn

From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it.

~Katharine Whitehorn

One reason you are stricken when your parents die is that the audience you've been aiming at all your life - shocking it, pleasing it - has suddenly left the theater.

~Katharine Whitehorn

A good marriage is like Dr Who's Tardis: small and banal from the outside but spacious and interesting from within.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The Life and Soul, the man who will never go home while there is one man, woman or glass of anything not yet drunk.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I used to think the only use for sport was to give small boys something else to kick besides me.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I yield to no one in my admiration for the office as a social center, but it's no place actually to get any work done.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I am all for people having their heart in the right place; but the right place for a heart is not inside the head.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The rule is not to talk about money with people who have much more or much less than you.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Filing is concerned with the past; anything you actually need to see again has to do with the future.

~Katharine Whitehorn

No nice men are good at getting taxis.

~Katharine Whitehorn

The case against censoring anything is absolute: ... nothing that could be censored can be so bad in its effects, in the long run, as censorship itself.

~Katharine Whitehorn

A food is not necessarily essential just because your child hates it.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Too great a preoccupation with motives (especially one's own motive) is liable to lead to too little concern for consequences.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Perennials are the ones that grow like weeds, biennials are the ones that die this year instead of next and hardy annuals are the ones that never come up at all.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I cannot for the life of me see why the umpires, the only two people on a cricket field who are not going to get grass stains on their knees, are the only two people allowed to wear dark trousers.

~Katharine Whitehorn

I wouldn't say when you've seen one Western you've seen the lot; but when you've seen the lot you get the feeling you've seen one.

~Katharine Whitehorn

It beats me how Freud could say "What do women want?" as if we all must want the same thing.

~Katharine Whitehorn

It's a pity more men are not bastards by birth instead of vocation.

~Katharine Whitehorn

In hell they will bore you, in heaven you will bore them.

~Katharine Whitehorn

And what would happen to my illusion that I am a force for order in the home if I wasn't married to the only man north of the Tiber who is even untidier than I am?

~Katharine Whitehorn

In my next life I want to be a pessimist. Then other people could spend all their time cheering me up.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Being young is not having any money; being young is not minding not having any money.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Things a mother should know: how to comfort a son without exactly saying Daddy was wrong.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Americans, indeed, often seem to be so overwhelmed by their children that they'll do anything for them except stay married to the co-producer.

~Katharine Whitehorn

It would be nice to think that a censor could allow a genuine work of artistic seriousness and ban a titillating piece of sadism, but it would

take a miracle to make such a distinction stick.

~Katharine Whitehorn

[On Malcolm Muggeridge:] He thinks he was knocked off his horse by God, like St. Paul on the road to Damascus. His critics think he simply fell off it from old age.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Children and zip fasteners do not respond to force ... except occasionally.

~Katharine Whitehorn

As anyone who has ever fallen foul of an airport, a conventional hospital or a bad restaurant knows, misery is made up of little things.

~Katharine Whitehorn

As I look around the West End these days, it seems to me that outside every thin girl is a fat man, trying to get in.

~Katharine Whitehorn

a perfectly managed Christmas correct in every detail is, like basted inside seams and letters answered by return, a sure sign of someone who hasn't enough to do.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Does anybody who gave up smoking to save a pound a week have a pound at the end of the week? Not on your life.

~Katharine Whitehorn

Newish friends, if they get ghastly, can be weighed and found wanting, but you'd never do a thing like that to old ones; their terrible habits are just part of the universe.

~Katharine Whitehorn

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