

Kevin McCloud

Quotes

*Thinking, People, Design, House, Compromise, Building, Home, Champion,
Successful, Badass, Wish, Damage, Favourite, Order, White, Humans, Stolen,
Awe, Ideas, Harm*

Building your own house is a primal urge, one of those universal genetic drives like the need to provide for your family.

~Kevin McCloud

The greatest architectural illusion is not Baroque fancy or Victorian flamboyant, but minimalism.

~Kevin McCloud

Building your own home is about desire, fantasy. But it's achievable; anyone can do it.

~Kevin McCloud

Sustainability is now a big baggy sack in which people throw all kinds of old ideas, hot air and dodgy activities in order to be able to greenwash their products and feel good.

~Kevin McCloud

I don't look at what people do with their homes in terms of money, but the social and personal value of what they're trying to do and achieve.

~Kevin McCloud

Architecture was pretty much the sexiest thing to be doing from 1700-1800.

~Kevin McCloud

It's possible to be satisfied with a day's work or a cake, but a life... what is a life but a history of events badly remembered?

~Kevin McCloud

Every breath we take as human beings damages the planet.

~Kevin McCloud

Generally speaking, I think that if you do anything with commitment and passion, it will come good.

~Kevin McCloud

Living an environmentally responsible lifestyle can seem like a Scrooge-like list of don'ts. Don't take that flight, don't buy that car, don't eat those blueberries flown in from somewhere far-flung.

~Kevin McCloud

I'm terribly fastidious. I like symmetry and neatness, but my house is as chaotic as any other family's.

~Kevin McCloud

The thing that I champion is sustainability. My terror is that suddenly we see it as a luxury, not an essential. That's a danger.

~Kevin McCloud

Awesome is loud but awe is quiet.

~Kevin McCloud

I cannot look at modern buildings without thinking of historical ones.

~Kevin McCloud

I don't want anything that I buy to have done any harm to anyone or anything.

~Kevin McCloud

I'm not too fond of really cool design. I've got quite kitsch taste really, in things like tableware. I'm quite a sucker for 1930s pressed glass.

~Kevin McCloud

Building design isn't trendy.

~Kevin McCloud

A great deal of energy is wasted in hating people, and I can honestly say I've no wish to expend such a precious resource on being outraged

about anyone.

~Kevin McCloud

As a property developer, I learned a long time ago to choose your battles wisely and that, unfortunately, compromise is a given.

~Kevin McCloud

My favourite authors include Trollope and Dickens.

~Kevin McCloud

I've got a farm in Somerset, and I think it's God's own country. I love it.

~Kevin McCloud

I have a recurring nightmare that I wake up in a gutter with nothing. I've had it all my life. That's why I work, I think.

~Kevin McCloud

I've forgiven all my enemies - even those who have stolen money from me.

~Kevin McCloud

I was never a hugely successful theatre designer. I painted a lot of scenery and did the lighting, and my lighting business grew out of that.

~Kevin McCloud

Life involves other people and it is a compromise.

~Kevin McCloud

If you said to me, 'Lie down on that concrete floor and fall asleep,' I could do it. I can sleep anywhere at any time of day on any surface.

~Kevin McCloud

I like the absurd and the surreal: the Coen brothers, Bunuel, Kubrick.

~Kevin McCloud

I admire anyone that follows the road less travelled.

~Kevin McCloud

I don't enjoy living in a white box flooded with light. I like shadows, small spaces, old furniture.

~Kevin McCloud

I spend a frightening amount of money on books.

~Kevin McCloud

I'm driven by issues, not driven to be political.

~Kevin McCloud

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