

Kingsley Amis

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The first, indeed the only, requirement of a diet is that it should lose you weight without reducing your alcoholic intake by the smallest degree.

~Kingsley Amis

The rewards for being sane may not be very many, but knowing what's funny is one of them.

~Kingsley Amis

If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing.

~Kingsley Amis

Only a world without love strikes me as instantly and decisively more terrible than one without music.

~Kingsley Amis

If you are using an adverb, you have got the verb wrong.

~Kingsley Amis

A bad review may spoil your breakfast, but you shouldn't allow it to spoil your lunch.

~Kingsley Amis

Sex is a momentary itch, love never lets you go.

~Kingsley Amis

Self criticism must be my guide to action, and the first rule for its employment is that in itself it is not a virtue, only a procedure.

~Kingsley Amis

It is natural and harmless in English to use a preposition to end a sentence with.

~Kingsley Amis

Women are really much nicer than men: No wonder we like them.

~Kingsley Amis

Consciousness was upon him before he could get out of the way.

~Kingsley Amis

I'll pour you the first one and after that, if you don't have one, it's your own f***** fault. You know where it is.

~Kingsley Amis

Whatever part drink may play in the writer's life, it must play none in his or her work.

~Kingsley Amis

Laziness has become the chief characteristic of journalism, displacing incompetence.

~Kingsley Amis

Now and then I become conscious of having the reputation of being one of the great drinkers, if not one of the great drunks, of our time.

~Kingsley Amis

He was of the faith chiefly in the sense that the church he currently did not attend was Catholic.

~Kingsley Amis

Cats are only human, they have their faults.

~Kingsley Amis

If there's one word that sums up everything that's gone wrong since the war, it's Workshop. After Youth, that is.

~Kingsley Amis

A blonde girl wearing a man's shirt but in all other visible respects unmanly to the point of outright effeminacy.

~Kingsley Amis

One of the great benefits of organised religion is that you can be forgiven your sins, which must be a wonderful thing. I mean, I carry my sins around with me, there's nobody there to forgive them.

~Kingsley Amis

Hangover cure: Rigorous sex, hydration, hot bath, then "go up for half an hour in an open aeroplane. (needless to say, with a non-hungover person at the controls)."

~Kingsley Amis

Nice things are nicer than nasty ones.

~Kingsley Amis

I sometimes feel that more lousy dishes are presented under the banner of pate than any other.

~Kingsley Amis

It is no wonder that people are so horrible when they start life as children.

~Kingsley Amis

Never despise a drink because it is easy to make and/or uses commercial mixes. Unquestioning devotion to authenticity is, in any department of life, a mark of the naive - or worse.

~Kingsley Amis

A German wine label is one of the things life's too short for.

~Kingsley Amis

Man's love is of man's life a thing apart; Girls aren't like that.

~Kingsley Amis

I want a dish to taste good, rather than to have been seethed in pig's milk and served wrapped in a rhubarb leaf with grated thistle root.

~Kingsley Amis

Misprize common sense at your peril is my motto.

~Kingsley Amis

Outside every fat man there is an even fatter man trying to close in.

~Kingsley Amis

Yevgeny Yevtushenko: 'You atheist?' "Kingsley Amis: 'Well, yes, but it's more that I hate him.'

~Kingsley Amis

Politics is a thing that only the unsophisticated can really go for.

~Kingsley Amis

It's never pleasant to have one's unquestioning beliefs put in their historical context, as I know from experience, I can assure you.

~Kingsley Amis

It's a letdown if the comedian doesn't finally actually really sit on his hat.

~Kingsley Amis

A German wine label is one of the things life's too short for, a daunting testimony to that peculiar nation's love of detail and organization.

~Kingsley Amis

When starting to think about any novel, part of the motive is: I'm going to show them, this time.

~Kingsley Amis

Sex stops when you pull up your pants, Love never lets you go.

~Kingsley Amis

Being American is, I think, a very difficult thing in art, because all the elements are European.

~Kingsley Amis

More always means worse.

~Kingsley Amis

Be glad you're fifty - and that you got there while things were nice, in a world worth looking at twice. So here's wishing you many more years, but not all that many. Cheers!

~Kingsley Amis

Feeling a tremendous rakehell, and not liking myself much for it, and feeling rather a good chap for not liking myself much for it, and not liking myself at all for feeling rather a good chap.

~Kingsley Amis

I was never an Angry Young Man. I am angry only when I hit my thumb with a hammer.

~Kingsley Amis

I am always incorrigibly interested in the behaviour of the 'human animal', and look forward to perusing divers effusions of your lively pen.

~Kingsley Amis

It is not extraordinary that the extraterrestrial origin of women was a recurrent theme of science fiction.

~Kingsley Amis

Wives and such are constantly filling up any refrigerator they have a claim on, even its ice-compartment, with irrelevant rubbish like food.

~Kingsley Amis

He who truly believes he has a hangover has no hangover.

~Kingsley Amis

We should be wrong to demand that a critic must stay on the point all the time; it is enough if he remains in orbit around it.

~Kingsley Amis

It scored right away with me by being the smooth, fine-grained sort, not the coarse flaky, dry-on-the-outside rubbish full of chunds of gut and gristle to testify to its authenticity.

~Kingsley Amis

Doing what you wanted to do was the only training, and the only preliminary, needed for doing more of what you wanted to do.

~Kingsley Amis

Death has this much to be said for it: You don't have to get out of bed for it. Wherever you happen to be They bring it to youâ€”free.

~Kingsley Amis

The Scandinavians are dear people but they've never been what you might call bywords for wit and sparkle, have they?

~Kingsley Amis

Education is one thing and instruction, however worthy, necessary and incidentally or monetarily educative, another.

~Kingsley Amis

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