

Paul Smith Quotes

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You can find inspiration in everything. If you can't, then you're not looking properly.

~Paul Smith

What I adore is mixing the unexpected, things you don't imagine should go together

~Paul Smith

Don't dress for fashion, dress for yourself

~Paul Smith

Stop making sense. Logic is predictable. Think differently.

~Paul Smith

Many people look but they do not see.

~Paul Smith

Fashion is about today and tomorrow. Nobody cares how good you used to be

~Paul Smith

People, even children, aren't really afraid of change. They're afraid of not being prepared for change.

~Paul Smith

When life closes a door, God opens a window.

~Paul Smith

I think I was really naïve. I had no context to think about what I wanted to do. Each step was a next stage of exploration.

~Paul Smith

Experience is the best teacher. A compelling story is a close second.

~Paul Smith

I'm very curious and being childlike is vital in our industry

~Paul Smith

Maybe that's what I've based my career on: getting up earlier than everyone else so I get an extra couple of hours.

~Paul Smith

The Japanese are hard to understand, but once you do the world is your oyster.

~Paul Smith

When knowledge is scant or conflicting, folklore takes over.

~Paul Smith

I was always kind of naïve, and really needed to be given some direction.

~Paul Smith

I've always been a keen cyclist, I'm very close to the world of cycling. Not just cycling really - also walking, adventures, being a curious person, traveling to new countries.

~Paul Smith

I was always making things. I made model airplanes and did a number of hands-on activities. I liked creating in some form or another, not realizing what it was all about.

~Paul Smith

There's always an important person who helps support your interests and encourages you.

~Paul Smith

My parents never prevented me from doing anything, but they didn't have the knowledge of the arts that Mrs. Ranger had.

~Paul Smith

In a social studies class I did a paper on the history of Attica, which ended up being a little book that I created.

~Paul Smith

I was always busy doing something, being an only child.

~Paul Smith

At home, the radio was a big source and the classic radio programs we would listen to like Amos and Andy and whatever other ones there were.

~Paul Smith

Being born in '31 was during the Depression and in my earlier youth World War II took place - so it was not the best of times, and yet I don't recall ever having experiences that were a burden.

~Paul Smith

Upon graduation, in the yearbook I was voted "Most likely to succeed." which I know was credited to my artistic achievements.

~Paul Smith

I know that I was conscious of all the aspects of the war, having had cousins who were in the army, who would send me notes and memorabilia. I began to collect things that they would send me.

~Paul Smith

There was a certain amount of discipline, I think; my parents wanted to be sure that I was not just sitting around doing nothing.

~Paul Smith

The pastors and ministry leaders came away energized to have voter registration drives at their churches and motivated to encourage their

congregations to "vote their values."

~Paul Smith

There were neighbors that I played with and did all the things that children do. I did mow the lawn. I did help with various things that needed to be done to occupy my time.

~Paul Smith

I was engaged in all the required courses of math and geometry, but the area that I blossomed in was the art program.

~Paul Smith

I was painting furniture, learning to stencil, and explore all kinds of traditional techniques of decoration. I learned from books that I picked up.

~Paul Smith

At school there were some programs in music. I did take piano lessons, and we had a piano at home. I got very interested in that.

~Paul Smith

Going back to the elementary school days, I was always drawing. I entered a Victory poster competition and won the top award that recognized my artistic instincts.

~Paul Smith

I developed friends in the community that were in walking distance or a bicycle ride away, so that I socialized and did a lot of things that children do in their early years.

~Paul Smith

I was there [in school] the full time with one teacher, and the student body was never more than 10 or 12 students of all ages.

~Paul Smith

Charles Burchfield was exceptional. As such an accomplished artist, he had limited previous association with academia and teaching.

~Paul Smith

Fortunately, I had cousins who lived in Buffalo and would often go to visit them, which I loved to do because I liked Buffalo as it was a big city. Even today, the bigger the city, the better.

~Paul Smith

Even today, the bigger the city, the better. That's why I live in New York.

~Paul Smith

It [piano lessons] wasn't a priority, but it was an interest and through that I became acquainted with classical music, which was a main interest at the time.

~Paul Smith

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