

# Peter Shaffer

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If London is a watercolor, New York is an oil painting.

~Peter Shaffer

The trouble is if you don't spend your life yourself, other people spend it for you.

~Peter Shaffer

And in fact, I think one of the best guides to telling you who you are, and I think children use it all the time for this purpose, is fantasy.

~Peter Shaffer

I was an accomplice in my own frustration.

~Peter Shaffer

What the eye does not see, the heart does not grieve over, does it?

~Peter Shaffer

Tragedy, for me, is not a conflict between right and wrong, but between two different kinds of right.

~Peter Shaffer

I think plays, like books, are endemic. They grow out of the soil of the writer and the place he's writing about. I think, you just can't move them about, you know.

~Peter Shaffer

Rehearsing a play is making the word flesh. Publishing a play is reversing the process.

~Peter Shaffer

Everything we feel is made of Time. All the beauties of life are shaped by it.

~Peter Shaffer

It's an extraordinary thing about Mozart is that you never tire of him... he never bores me, and he doesn't... not only bore me, that's too strong a word.

~Peter Shaffer

My actual childhood, as opposed to my adolescence, was not spent in London.

~Peter Shaffer

Watching Italian opera, all those male sopranos screeching, stupid fat couples rolling their eyes about. That's not love, it's just rubbish.

~Peter Shaffer

The devil isn't made by what Mommy says or what Daddy says. The devil is there.

~Peter Shaffer

All I ever wanted was to sing to God. He gave me that longing and then made me mute.

~Peter Shaffer

All my wife has ever taken from the Mediterranean - from that whole vast intuitive culture - are four bottles of Chianti to make into lamps, and two china condiment donkeys labelled Sally and Peppy.

~Peter Shaffer

Passion, you see, can be destroyed by a doctor. It cannot be created.

~Peter Shaffer

The Normal is the good smile in a child's eyes - all right. It is also the dead stare in a million adults.

~Peter Shaffer

I think people nowadays do tend to blame their parents for everything.

~Peter Shaffer

Can you think of anything worse one can do to anybody than take away their worship?

~Peter Shaffer

A child is born into a world of phenomena all equal in their power to enslave.

~Peter Shaffer

Librarians as a race tend to be tedious.

~Peter Shaffer

The best of Mozart's works cannot be even slightly rewritten without diminishment.

~Peter Shaffer

I was born in Liverpool in England, and I lived there for the first nine years of my life.

~Peter Shaffer

I speak for all mediocrities in the world. I am their champion. I am their patron saint.

~Peter Shaffer

Love is the only doorway from the prison of ourselves.

~Peter Shaffer

What use, after all, is man, if not to teach God His lessons?

~Peter Shaffer

I think I did have fantasies about being an actor. In fact, I know I did.

~Peter Shaffer

Look... to go through life and call it yours - your life - you first have to get your own pain. Pain that's unique to you. You can't just dip into the common bin and say 'That's enough!'

~Peter Shaffer

You can't always let people do their own thing.

~Peter Shaffer

You never quite know what's going to strike your imagination, or something that won't going to leave you alone, not going to leave alone, and this was one for me.

~Peter Shaffer

You have your words, and I have mine.

~Peter Shaffer

Goodness is nothing in the furnace of art.

~Peter Shaffer

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