

Robert Benton Quotes

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Movies without meaningful dialogue play well all over the world. The Apostle is probably the best movie of the year, but it won't do squat in Korea.

~Robert Benton

I was dyslexic before anybody knew what dyslexia was. I was called 'slow'. It's an awful feeling to think of yourself as 'slow' - it's horrible.

~Robert Benton

Beauty doesn't have anything to do with prettiness. Beauty has to do with something else; it gets into an area where words can't go.

~Robert Benton

Style is the most ephemeral thing I know. It's not about how effective you are it's about how you are effective.

~Robert Benton

My next film is always shaped by the last one... by the things I feel I didn't get right, or the things I like and want to try to develop further, but it always comes out of the last picture.

~Robert Benton

I'd like to know what law is it that says that a woman is a better parent, simply by virtue of her sex.

~Robert Benton

Twilight is about getting older and relationships - not about a murder mystery. It's about love when you reach a certain age; nothing is in primary colors.

~Robert Benton

Sometimes other people have better ideas.

~Robert Benton

I couldn't sit down and write a novel or a short story - even now - because of my dyslexia. But I learned narration through movies.

~Robert Benton

It's interesting that there are places that words can't get to.

~Robert Benton

My education was an education by movies.

~Robert Benton

Style and taste do not have anything to do with the other. It's the difference between wit and humor.

~Robert Benton

People who go for humor are wonderful because they do great humor. People who go for wit and end up with humor are people who have made a mistake.

~Robert Benton

The thing I loved the most about being art director was picking the photographers and working with them.

~Robert Benton

Having one perfect thing was less important than having a range of ideas, realizing they were all taking you in a certain direction.

~Robert Benton

Style is a way of talking about yourself.

~Robert Benton

The greatest style is when you can't see the style though you walk away knowing it was there. It's like a perfume - there but not there.

~Robert Benton

Style lasts forever and taste doesn't.

~Robert Benton

Taste has nothing to do with style.

~Robert Benton

New York was big enough and wide enough that it allowed for reasonably eccentric people like me to thrive. It was a perfect place for me.

~Robert Benton

Although I had a few jobs that I didn't like, or quit, or got fired from, I really loved New York from the moment I got here and I never stopped.

~Robert Benton

Everybody thought New York was this hard, cruel place, and I found it to be an extraordinarily wonderful place filled with the most interesting people.

~Robert Benton

Movie narration in the forties was radically different than the narrative involved in books.

~Robert Benton

Every since high school I've been drawn to magazines.

~Robert Benton

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