

Witold Gombrowicz

Quotes

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Foolishness, Wise, Beautiful, Focus, Earning, Ought, Son, Army, Body*

Don't be fooled by your own wisdom

~Witold Gombrowicz

Serious literature does not exist to make life easy but to complicate it.

~Witold Gombrowicz

The difference between western and eastern intellectuals is that the former have not been kicked in the ass enough.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Foolishness is a twin sister of wisdom.

~Witold Gombrowicz

I didn't go to the lectures. My valet, who was more distinguished than I, went instead.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Man is profoundly dependent on the reflection of himself in another man's soul, be it even the soul of an idiot.

~Witold Gombrowicz

I am reading Sienkiewicz. What tormenting reading. What a powerful genius! And there never was such a first-rate writer of the second-rate class.

~Witold Gombrowicz

It is in the prime of youth that man sinks into empty phrases and grimaces. It's in this smithy that our maturity is forged.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Great! I've written something stupid, but I haven't signed a contract with anyone to produce solely wise and perfect works. I gave vent to my stupidity...and here I am, reborn.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Against the background of general freakishness the case of my particular freakishness was lost.

~Witold Gombrowicz

There were three of us; Witkiewicz, Bruno Schulz, and myself--the three musketeers of the Polish avant-garde between the wars. Only Witkiewicz remains to be discovered.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Wherever I see some mystique, be it virtue or family, faith or fatherland, there I must commit some indecent act.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Our element is unending immaturity.

~Witold Gombrowicz

To contradict, even in little matters, is the supreme necessity of art today.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Great poetry must be admired, because it is great and because it is poetry, and so we admire it.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Man does not fear death, only the suffering.

~Witold Gombrowicz

A universal style is one that knows how to embrace lovingly those not quite developed.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Any artist who respects himself ought to be, and in every sense of the term, an emigre.

~Witold Gombrowicz

I am a collection of the family's body parts.

~Witold Gombrowicz

Beauty beheld in solitude is even more lethal.

~Witold Gombrowicz

You are ugly when you love her, you are beautiful and fresh, vital and free, modern and poetic when you don't... you are more beautiful as an orphan than as your mother's son.

~Witold Gombrowicz

You, oh mature ones, keep company solely with other mature ones, and your maturity is so mature that it can only chum up with maturity!

~Witold Gombrowicz

A brilliant liar; he has total recall.

~Witold Gombrowicz

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