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# Quotes about Bohemia

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Well, isn't Bohemia a place where everyone is as good as everyone else -- and must not a waiter be a little less than a waiter to be a good Bohemian?

- Barnes, Djuna

It is not my fault that certain so-called bohemian elements have found in my writings something to hang their peculiar beatnik theories on.

- Kerouac, Jack

Bohemia is nothing more than the little country in which you do not live. If you try to obtain citizenship in it, at once the court and retinue pack the royal archives and treasure and move away beyond the hills.

- Porter, O. Henry

I could I trust starve like a gentleman. It's listed as part of the poetic training, you know.

- Pound, Ezra

Bohemia has no banner. It survives by discretion.

- Williams, Tennessee

The modern picture of the artist began to form: The poor, but free spirit, plebeian but

aspiring only to be classless, to cut himself forever free from the bonds of the greedy bourgeoisie, to be whatever the fat burghers feared most, to cross the line wherever they drew it, to look at the world in a way they couldn't see, to be high, live low, stay young forever -- in short, to be the bohemian.

- Wolfe, Thomas





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