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Quotes about Agents

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The agent never receipts his bill, puts his hat on and bows himself out. He stays around forever, not only for as long as you can write anything that anyone will buy, but as long as anyone will buy any portion of any right to anything that you ever did write. He just takes ten per cent of your life.

- Chandler, Raymond

Throughout the history of commercial life nobody has ever quite liked the commission man. His function is too vague, his presence always seems one too many, his profit looks too easy, and even when you admit that he has a necessary function, you feel that this function is, as it were, a personification of something that in an ethical society would not need to exist. If people could deal with one another honestly, they would not need agents.

- Chandler, Raymond

It is well-known what a middleman is: he is a man who bamboozles one party and plunders the other.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

If God had an agent, the world wouldn't be built yet. It'd only be about Thursday.

- Reynolds, Jerry

Let every eye negotiate for itself and trust no agent.

- Shakespeare, William

O world, world! thus is the poor agent despised. O traitors and bawds, how earnestly are you set a-work, and how ill requited! Why should our endeavor be so loved, and the performance so loathed?

- Shakespeare, William



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