

The Art of People Watching

Find a public place.
It need not be busy.
Too many people can be a distraction.
A good pub, a park bench,
a supermarket café.

Remember,
you are watching people,
not a particular person.
You are not a stalker.
Try not to look like one.

Be discreet.
Discreet is not disguised.
Do not wear a false moustache.
Do not cut eye holes in a newspaper.

Remember,
you are here to watch,
not to interfere.
Do not join in the conversation.

Pretend to read a book
and no one will suspect you.
Turn the page occasionally.
A funny book is best,
to cover involuntary laughter.

Remember,
while you are watching people,
people are watching you.