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Margaret Munnerlyn Mitchell (November 8, 1900 - August 16, 1949) was the American author who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937 for her immensely successful novel, *Gone with the Wind*, that was published in 1936. The novel is one of the most popular books of all time, selling more copies than any other hard-cover book, apart from the Bible, and is reputed to be still selling at 200,000 copies a year. An American film adaptation, released in 1939, became the highest-grossing film in the history of Hollywood, and received a record-breaking number of Academy Awards.

Fighting is like champagne. It goes to the heads of cowards as quickly as of heroes. Any fool can be brave on a battlefield when it's be brave or else be killed.

- Mitchell, Margaret

The world can forgive practically anything except people who mind their own business.

- Mitchell, Margaret

Land is the only thing in the world that amounts to anything, for 'Tis the only thing in this world that lasts, 'Tis the only thing worth working for, worth fighting for -- worth dying for.

- Mitchell, Margaret

I was never one to patiently pick up broken fragments and glue them together again and

tell myself that the mended whole was as good as new. What is broken is broken -- and I'd rather remember it as it was at its best than mend it and see the broken places as long as I lived.

- Mitchell, Margaret

The south produced statesmen and soldiers, planters and doctors and lawyers and poets, but certainly no engineers and mechanics. Let Yankees adopt such low callings.

[Gone With The Wind]

- Mitchell, Margaret

Until you have lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is.

- Mitchell, Margaret

What most people don't seem to realize is that there is just as much money to be made out of the wreckage of a civilization as from the upbuilding of one.

- Mitchell, Margaret

Death and taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them!

- Mitchell, Margaret



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