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Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

Humans are amphibians -- half spirit and half animal. As spirits they belong to the eternal world, but as animals they inhabit time.

- Lewis, C. S.

I think the issues of "identity" mostly are poppycock. We are what we have done, which includes our promises, includes our hopes, but promises first.

- Berry, Wendell

The world is whole beyond human knowing.

- Berry, Wendell

How astonishing it is that language can almost mean, and frightening that it does not quite.

- Gilbert, Jack

I know that's a secret, for it's whispered everywhere.

- Congreve, William

To write well, express yourself like common people, but think like a wise man. Or, think as wise men do, but speak as the common people do.

- Aristotle

I'm worried by all sorts of questions; please, answer them for me.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come. &#91;Merchant Of Venice&#93;

- Shakespeare, William

A special kind of beauty exists which is born in language, of language, and for language.

- Bachelard, Gaston

Language is a skin: I rub my language against the other. It is as if I had words instead of fingers, or fingers at the tip of my words. My language trembles with desire.

- Barthes, Roland

One can say of language that it is potentially the only human home, the only dwelling place that cannot be hostile to man.

- Berger, John

Never resist a sentence you like, in which language takes its own pleasure and in which, after having abused it for so long, you are stupefied by its innocence.

- Baudrillard, Jean

In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.

- Adler, Mortimer J.

Some books are undeservedly forgotten; none are undeservedly remembered.

- Auden, W. H.

To feel most beautifully alive means to be reading something beautiful, ready always to apprehend in the flow of language the sudden flash of poetry.

- Bachelard, Gaston

Books are not men and yet they stay alive.

- Benet, Stephen Vincent

The world may be full of fourth-rate writers but it's also full of fourth-rate readers.

- Barstow, Stan

Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?

- Beecher, Henry Ward

The failure to read good books both enfeebles the vision and strengthens our most fatal tendency --the belief that the here and now is all there is.

- Bloom, Allan

A conventional good read is usually a bad read, a relaxing bath in what we know already. A true good read is surely an act of innovative creation in which we, the readers, become conspirators.

- Bradbury, Malcolm

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

- Bradbury, Ray

There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.

- Brodsky, Joseph

Books succeed, and lives fail.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Books are the blessed chloroform of the mind.

- Chambers, Robert

God be thanked for books; they are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us

heirs of the spiritual life of past ages.

- Channing, William Ellery

Let blockheads read what blockheads wrote.

- Chesterfield, Lord

There is an art of reading, as well as an art of thinking, and an art of writing.

- Disraeli, Isaac

Never judge a book by its movie.

- Eagan, J. W.

Don't just read the easy stuff. You may be entertained by it, but you will never grow from it.

- Rohn, Jim

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.

- Adler, Mortimer J.

Some books are to be tasted; others to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested.

- Bacon, Francis

Somewhere, everywhere, now hidden, now apparent in what ever is written down, is the form of a human being. If we seek to know him, are we idly occupied?

- Woolf, Virginia

I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book! When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.

- Austin, Jane

Most books, like their authors, are born to die; of only a few books can it be said that death has no dominion over them; they live, and their influence lives forever.

- Swartz, J.

No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

- Townsend, Atwood H.

An empty book is like an infant's soul, in which anything may be written. It is capable of all things, but containeth nothing. I have a mind to fill this with profitable wonders.

- Traherne, Thomas

There are books so alive that you're always afraid that while you weren't reading, the book has gone and changed, has shifted like a river; while you went on living, it went on living too, and like a river moved on and moved away. No one has stepped twice into the same

river. But did anyone ever step twice into the same book?

- Tsvetaeva, Marina

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time.

- Whipple, Edwin P.

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay.

- Beauvoir, Simone De





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