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Quotes about Gossip

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There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it ill behooves any of us to find fault with the rest of us.

- Adams, James Truslow

Gossip is nature's telephone.

- Aleichem, Sholom

The idea of strictly minding our own business is moldy rubbish. Who could be so selfish?

- Barker, Myrtle

Vilify, Vilify, some of it will always stick.

- Beaumarchais, Pierre De

He who hunts for flowers will find flowers; and he who loves weeds will find weeds.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

With well doing you may put to silence foolish men.

- Bible

Where no wood is, the fire goes out; so where there is no tale bearer, the strife ceaseth.

- Bible

Confidante. One entrusted by A with the secrets of B confided to herself by C.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Speak no evil of the dead.

- Chilo

Alas! they had been friends in youth; but whispering tongues can poison truth.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

None are so fond of secrets as those who do not mean to keep them.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

They come together like the Coroner's Inquest, to sit upon the murdered reputations of the week.

- Congreve, William

Gossip is what no one claims to like, but everybody enjoys.

- Conrad, Joseph

Language is the apparel in which your thoughts parade before the public. Never clothe

them in vulgar or shoddy attire.

- Crane, George W.

The inspired scribbler always has the gift for gossip in our common usage he or she can always inspire the commonplace with an uncommon flavor, and transform trivialities by some original grace or sympathy or humor or affection.

- Drew, Elizabeth

While gossip among women is universally ridiculed as low and trivial, gossip among men, especially if it is about women, is called theory, or idea, or fact.

- Dworkin, Andrea

There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart; never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; and never to tell that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.

- Dyke, Henry Van

Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco-pipes of those who diffuse it: it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker.

- Eliot, George

Love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea.

- Fielding, Henry

A lie has no leg, but a scandal has wings.

- Fuller, Thomas

There is a lust in man no charm can tame: Of loudly publishing his neighbor's shame: On eagles wings immortal scandals fly, while virtuous actions are born and die.

- Harvey, William

Nobody's interested in sweetness and light.

- Hopper, Hedda

Avoid inquisitive persons, for they are sure to be gossips, their ears are open to hear, but they will not keep what is entrusted to them.

- Horace

Gossip is only the lack of a worthy memory.

- Hubbard, Elbert

For prying into any human affairs, non are equal to those whom it does not concern.

- Hugo, Victor

Men have always detested women's gossip because they suspect the truth: their measurements are being taken and compared.

- Jong, Erica

Gossip is the opiate of the oppressed.

- Jong, Erica

A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

- Kirk, Lisa

Don't speak evil of someone if you don't know for certain, and if you do know ask yourself, why am I telling it?

- Lavater, Johann Kaspar

Never trust the teller, trust the tale.

- Lawrence, D. H.

Anyone who has obeyed nature by transmitting a piece of gossip experiences the explosive relief that accompanies the satisfying of a primary need.

- Levi, Primo

If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me.

- Longworth, Alice Roosevelt

Of course we women gossip on occasion. But our appetite for it is not as avid as a man's. It is in the boys gyms, the college fraternity houses, the club locker rooms, the paneled offices of business that gossip reaches its luxuriant flower.

- McGinley, Phyllis

Gossip isn't scandal and it's not merely malicious. It's chatter about the human race by lovers of the same. Gossip is the tool of the poet, the shop-talk of the scientist, and the consolation of the housewife, wit, tycoon and intellectual. It begins in the nursery and ends when speech is past.

- McGinley, Phyllis

The objection of the scandalmonger is not that she tells of racy doings, but that she pretends to be indignant about them.

- Mencken, H. L.

She poured a little social sewage into his ears.

- Meredith, George

A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run.

- Ouida

I don't care what anybody says about me as long as it isn't true.

- Parker, Dorothy

If all men knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world.

- Pascal, Blaise

I maintain that, if everyone knew what others said about him, there would not be four friends in the world.

- Pascal, Blaise

My ass contemplates those who talk behind my back.

- Picabia, Francis

One eye witness is better than ten hear sayers.

- Plautus, Titus Maccius

At every word a reputation dies.

- Pope, Alexander

And all who told it added something new, and all who heard it, made enlargements too.

- Pope, Alexander

Gossiping and lying go hand in hand.

- Proverb

A malignant sore throat is a danger, a malignant throat not sore is worse.

- Proverb, American

Your friend has a friend; don't tell him.

- Proverb, Chinese

Sight before hearsay.

- Proverb, Danish

What you don't see with your eyes, don't witness with your mouth.

- Proverb, Jewish

Loose tongues are worse than wicked hands.

- Proverb, Jewish

Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.

- Proverb, Spanish

Rest satisfied with doing well, and leave others to talk of you as they will.

- Pythagoras

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

- Rogers, Will

The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them.

- Rogers, Will

No one gossips about other people's secret virtues.

- Russell, Bertrand

Ah, well, the truth is always one thing, but in a way it's the other thing, the gossip, that counts. It shows where people's hearts lie.

- Scott, Paul

The things most people want to know about are usually none of their business.

- Shaw, George Bernard

When of a gossiping circle it was asked, What are they doing? The answer was, Swapping lies.

- Sheridan, Richard Brinsley

Conversation is three women stand on the corner talking. Gossip is when one of them leaves.

- Shriner, Herb

Gossip is news running ahead of itself in a red satin dress.

- Smith, Liz

How awful to reflect that what people say of us is true!

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Fire and swords are slow engines of destruction, compared to the tongue of a Gossip.

- Steele, Sir Richard

Remember, every time you open your mouth to talk, your mind walks out and parades up and down the words.

- Stuart, Edwin H.

Count not him among your friends who will retail your privacies to the world.

- Syrus, Publilius

Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet.

- Talmud, The

Young people do not perceive at once that the giver of wounds is the enemy and the quoted tattle merely the arrow.

- Unknown, Source

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

Gossip is sometimes referred to as halitosis of the mind.

- Unknown, Source

An expert gossip knows how much to leave out of a conversation.

- Unknown, Source

Rumor grows as it goes.

- Virgil

Show me someone who never gossips, and I will show you someone who is not interested in people.

- Walters, Barbara

Everyone realizes that one can believe little of what people say about each other. But it is not so widely realized that even less can one trust what people say about themselves.

- West, Rebecca

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about nowadays saying things against one, behind one's back, that are absolutely and entirely true.

- Wilde, Oscar

Gossip is when you hear something you like about someone, you don't.

- Wilson, Earl

Gossip is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves practically nothing unsaid.

- Winchell, Walter



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