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Quotes about Grammar

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No iron can pierce the heart with such force as a period put just at the right place.

- Babel, Isaac

Spel chekers, hoo needs em?

- Bean, Alan James

From now on, ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.

- Churchill, Winston

Grammar is a piano I play by ear. All I know about grammar is its power.

- Didion, Joan

You can be a little ungrammatical if you come from the right part of the country.

- Frost, Robert

My attitude toward punctuation is that it ought to be as conventional as possible. The game of golf would lose a good deal if croquet mallets and billiard cues were allowed on the putting green. You ought to be able to show that you can do it a good deal better than anyone else with the regular tools before you have a license to bring in your own

improvements.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Grammar is the grave of letters.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Grammar, which can govern even Kings.

- Moliere

The writer who neglects punctuation, or mispunctuates, is liable to be misunderstood for the want of merely a comma, it often occurs that an axiom appears a paradox, or that a sarcasm is converted into a sermonoid.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I never made a mistake in grammar but one in my life and as soon as I done it I seen it.

- Sandburg, Carl

Sometimes you get a glimpse of a semicolon coming, a few lines farther on, and it is like climbing a steep path through woods and seeing a wooden bench just at a bend in the road ahead, a place where you can expect to sit for a moment, catching your breath.

- Thomas, Lewis

When I hear the hypercritical quarreling about grammar and style, the position of the

particles, etc., etc., stretching or contracting every speaker to certain rules of theirs. I see that they forget that the first requisite and rule is that expression shall be vital and natural, as much as the voice of a brute or an interjection: first of all, mother tongue; and last of all, artificial or father tongue. Essentially your truest poetic sentence is as free and lawless as a lamb's bleat.

- Thoreau, Henry David

From one casual of mine he picked this sentence. 'After dinner, the men moved into the living room'. I explained to the professor that this was Ross's way of giving the men time to push back their chairs and stand up. There must, as we know, be a comma after every move, made by men, on this earth.

- Thurber, James

Damn the subjunctive. It brings all our writers to shame.

- Twain, Mark

Cut out all these exclamation points. An exclamation point is like laughing at your own joke.

- Unknown, Source

Commas in The New Yorker fall with the precision of knives in a circus act, outlining the victim.

- White, Elwyn Brooks

Like everything metaphysical the harmony between thought and reality is to be found in the grammar of the language.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig



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