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Quotes about Romance and Romanticism

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To say the word Romanticism is to say modern art -- that is, intimacy, spirituality, color, aspiration towards the infinite, expressed by every means available to the arts.

- Baudelaire, Charles

The essence of romantic love is that wonderful beginning, after which sadness and impossibility may become the rule.

- Brookner, Anita

Romanticism is not just a mode; it literally eats into every life. Women will never get rid of just waiting for the right man.

- Brookner, Anita

No age seemed the age of romance to itself.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Love stories are only fit for the solace of people in the insanity of puberty. No healthy adult human being can really care whether so-and-so does or does not succeed in satisfying his physiological uneasiness by the aid of some particular person or not.

- Crowley, Aleister

Romance like a ghost escapes touching; it is always where you are not, not where you are. The interview or conversation was prose at the time, but it is poetry in the memory.

- Curtis, George William

Romance has been elegantly defined as the offspring of fiction and love.

- Disraeli, Isaac

Rather would I have the love songs of romantic ages, rather Don Juan and Madame Venus, rather an elopement by ladder and rope on a moonlight night, followed by the father's curse, mother's moans, and the moral comments of neighbors, than correctness and propriety measured by yardsticks.

- Goldman, Emma

She who makes her husband and her children happy, who reclaims the one from vice, and trains up the other to virtue, is a much greater character than the ladies described in romance, whose whole occupation is to murder mankind with shafts from their quiver or their eyes.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

Romance and novel paint beauty in colors more charming than nature, and describe a happiness that humans never taste. How deceptive and destructive are those pictures of consummate bliss!

- Goldsmith, Oliver

Romance, like the rabbit at the dog track, is the elusive, fake, and never attained reward which, for the benefit and amusement of our masters, keeps us running and thinking in safe circles.

- Jones, Beverly

And what's romance? Usually, a nice little tale where you have everything As You Like It, where rain never wets your jacket and gnats never bite your nose and it's always daisy-time.

- Lawrence, D. H.

The concept of romantic love affords a means of emotional manipulation which the male is free to exploit, since love is the only circumstance in which the female is (ideologically) pardoned for sexual activity.

- Millet, Kate

Writers of novels and romance in general bring a double loss to their readers; robbing them of their time and money; representing men, manners, and things, that never have been, or are likely to be.

- Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley

Any walk through a park that runs between a double line of mangy trees and passes brazenly by the ladies toilet is invariably known as Lover's Lane.

- Unknown, Source

I'm a romantic -- a sentimental person thinks things will last -- a romantic person hopes against hope that they won't.

- Unknown, Source

Marriage is a romance in which the hero dies in the first chapter.

- Unknown, Source

What's the difference between the music of my generation and today's. Our songs were about Love and Romance, today's music is chiefly about sex; which I might add gets a little boring.

- Vigilanti, David A.

To love oneself is the beginning of a life long romance.

- Wilde, Oscar

Romance should never begin with sentiment. It should begin with science and end with a settlement.

- Wilde, Oscar

He must have a truly romantic nature, for he weeps when there is nothing at all to weep about.

- Wilde, Oscar

Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a more subtle instinct: What they like is to be a man's last romance.

- Wilde, Oscar

Nothing spoils a romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman.

- Wilde, Oscar



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