

Andre Maurois

Quotes

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We owe to the Middle Ages the two worst inventions of humanity - romantic love and gunpowder.

~Andre Maurois

Without a family, man, alone in the world, trembles with the cold.

~Andre Maurois

The first recipe for happiness is: avoid too lengthy meditation on the past.

~Andre Maurois

We can talk frankly about our defects only to those who recognise our qualities.

~Andre Maurois

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short.

~Andre Maurois

A marriage without conflicts is almost as inconceivable as a nation without crises.

~Andre Maurois

We appreciate frankness from those who like us. Frankness from others is called insolence.

~Andre Maurois

Conversation would be vastly improved by the constant use of four simple words: I do not know.

~Andre Maurois

A successful marriage is an edifice that must be rebuilt every day.

~Andre Maurois

If you create an act, you create a habit. If you create a habit, you create a character. If you create a character, you create a destiny.

~Andre Maurois

A true woman loves a strong man because she knows his weaknesses. She protects as much as she is protected.

~Andre Maurois

If, in New York, you arrive late for an appointment, say, "I took a taxi".

~Andre Maurois

To be witty is not enough. One must possess sufficient wit to avoid having too much of it.

~Andre Maurois

Men fear silence as they fear solitude, because both give them a glimpse of the terror of life's nothingness.

~Andre Maurois

Business is a combination of war and sport.

~Andre Maurois

Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy person has no time to form.

~Andre Maurois

There are certain persons for whom pure Truth is a poison.

~Andre Maurois

If you create a character, you create a destiny.

~Andre Maurois

We don't love a woman for what she says, we like what she says because we love her.

~Andre Maurois

The most important quality in a leader is that of being acknowledged as such. All leaders whose fitness is questioned are clearly lacking in force.

~Andre Maurois

The art of reading is in great part that of acquiring a better understanding of life from one's encounter with it in a book.

~Andre Maurois

Smile, for everyone lacks self-confidence and more than any other one thing a smile reassures them.

~Andre Maurois

Above all things, never be afraid. The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment.

~Andre Maurois

Every ten years you should delete from your mind a few ideas that your experience has proven to be false.

~Andre Maurois

Like a bird, when his cage is opened, stays on his perch, dazzled by freedom, the postponed traveler does not see that his cage, with its bars of anxiety, it is open.

~Andre Maurois

Memory is a great artist. For every man and for every woman it makes the recollection of his or her life a work of art and an unfaithful record.

~Andre Maurois

In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.

~Andre Maurois

Art is an effort to create, beside the real world, a more humane world.

~Andre Maurois

One has very little influence upon one's children. Their characters are what they are and one can do nothing to change them.

~Andre Maurois

Sincerity is glass, discretion is diamond.

~Andre Maurois

If men could regard the events of their own lives with more open minds, they would frequently discover that they did not really desire the things they failed to obtain.

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You don't love a man for what he says, but love what he says because you love him.

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Men and women are not born inconstant: they are made so by their early amorous experiences.

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Self-pity comes so naturally to all of us.

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He who has found a good wife has found great happiness, but a quarrelsome woman is like a roof that lets in the rain.

~Andre Maurois

Modesty and unselfishness - these are the virtues which men praise - and pass by.

~Andre Maurois

We console ourselves with several friends for not having found one real one.

~Andre Maurois

The effectiveness of work increases according to geometric progression if there are no interruptions.

~Andre Maurois

Self-pity comes so naturally to all of us. The most solid happiness can be shaken by the compassion of a fool.

~Andre Maurois

The reading of a fine book is an uninterrupted dialogue in which the book speaks and our soul replies.

~Andre Maurois

Learning is nothing without cultivated manners, but when the two are combined in a woman, you have one of the most exquisite products of civilization.

~Andre Maurois

No one can be profoundly original who does not avoid eccentricity.

~Andre Maurois

The difficult part in an argument is not to defend one's opinion but rather to know it.

~Andre Maurois

Experience is valuable only when it has brought suffering and when the suffering has left its mark upon both body and mind.

~Andre Maurois

All of us, from time to time, need a plunge into freedom and novelty, after which routine and discipline will seem delightful by contrast.

~Andre Maurois

British conversation is like a game of cricket or a boxing match; personal allusions are forbidden like hitting below the belt, and anyone who loses his temper is disqualified.

~Andre Maurois

To desire to be perpetually in the society of a pretty woman until the end of one's days, is as if, because one likes good wine, one wished always to have one's mouth full of it.

~Andre Maurois

Writing is a difficult trade which must be learned slowly by reading great authors; by trying at the outset to imitate them; by daring then to be original; by destroying one's first productions.

~Andre Maurois

Style is the hallmark of a temperament stamped upon the material at hand.

~Andre Maurois

If you value a man's regard, strive with him. As to liking, you like your newspaper - and despise it.

~Andre Maurois

A man cannot free himself from the past more easily than he can from his own body.

~Andre Maurois

Style is the outcome of constraint.

~Andre Maurois

A great man's manias must be respected, because the time required to combat them is too precious to waste.

~Andre Maurois

There are deserts in every life, and the desert must be depicted if we are to give a fair and complete idea of the country.

~Andre Maurois

Happiness is never there to stay [...] Happiness is merely a respite offered by inquietude.

~Andre Maurois

To reason with poorly chosen words is like using a pair of scales with inaccurate weights.

~Andre Maurois

The greedy search for money or success will almost always lead men into unhappiness. Why? Because that kind of life makes them depend upon things outside themselves.

~Andre Maurois

Either the soul is immortal and we shall not die, or it perishes with the flesh and we shall not know that we are dead. Live, then, as if you were eternal.

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Only passions can raise a man above the level of the animal.

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The art of growing old is the art of being regarded by the oncoming generations as a support and not as a stumbling-block...

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Information is not culture. In the mind of a truly educated person, facts are organized, and they make up a living world in the image of the world of reality.

~Andre Maurois

There are very few really brilliant men who have not had at least one madman among their ancestors.

~Andre Maurois

When you become used to never being alone, you may consider yourself Americanised

~Andre Maurois

Few are they who have never had a chance to achieve happiness- and fewer those who have taken that chance.

~Andre Maurois

Everything that is in agreement with our personal desires seems true; everything that is not puts us in a rage.

~Andre Maurois

Novelty, the most potent of all attractions, is also the most perishable.

~Andre Maurois

Love born of anxiety resembles a thorn shaped so that efforts to pull it out of one's flesh merely cause it to penetrate more deeply therein.

~Andre Maurois

It is better to teach a few things perfectly than many things indifferently...

~Andre Maurois

Genius consists of equal parts of natural aptitude and hard work.

~Andre Maurois

Time is a factor in all action. An imperfect scheme put into action at the proper time is better than a perfect one accomplished too late.

~Andre Maurois

Our minds have unbelievable power over our bodies.

~Andre Maurois

Lost Illusion is the undisclosed title of every novel.

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Advice is always a confession.

~Andre Maurois

A gentleman is never in a hurry.

~Andre Maurois

The longer the road to love, the keener is the pleasure...

~Andre Maurois

The minds of different generations are as impenetrable one by the other as are the monads of Leibniz.

~Andre Maurois

Marriage makes a man more vulnerable by doubling the expanse of sail exposed to the tempests of social life.

~Andre Maurois

[...] marriage is one thing, and love is another... You need to have a solid canvas; nobody stops you to weave the arabesques.

~Andre Maurois

A great writer has a high respect for values. His essential function is to raise life to the dignity of thought, and this he does by giving it a shape.

~Andre Maurois

What men call friendship is only social intercourse, an exchange of favours and good offices; it comes down to a commercial dealing in which self-esteem always expects to profit.

~Andre Maurois

I knew a man who had been virtually drowned and then revived. He said that his death had not been painful.

~Andre Maurois

Artificial inflation of stocks must be considered a crime as serious as counterfeiting, which it closely resembles.

~Andre Maurois

Medicine is a very old joke, but it still goes on.

~Andre Maurois

Housekeeping in common is for women the acid test.

~Andre Maurois

The need to express one's self in writing springs from a maladjustment of life, or from an inner conflict which the adolescent (or the grown man) cannot resolve in action.

~Andre Maurois

An unsatisfied woman requires luxury, but a woman who is in love with a man will lie on a board.

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Inspiration in matters of taste will not come twice.

~Andre Maurois

People are discontent; men are troubled; and the literature is excellent.

~Andre Maurois

The really great novel tends to be the exact negative of its author's life.

~Andre Maurois

He who wants to do everything will never do anything.

~Andre Maurois

For intelligent people, action often means escape from thought, but it is a reasonable and a wise escape.

~Andre Maurois

The clear and simple words of common usage are always better than those of erudition. The jargon of the philosophers not seldom conceals an absence of thought.

~Andre Maurois

Happiness flourishes where there is happiness...

~Andre Maurois

We don't go to school to learn, but to be soaked in the prejudices of our class, without which we should be useless and unhappy.

~Andre Maurois

It is restful to leave one's home; not because traveling does not entail varied and difficult daily actions, but because it removes our responsibilities.

~Andre Maurois

Two human beings anchored to one another are like two ships shaken by waves; their carcasses collide with one another and creak.

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A great statesman, like a good housekeeper, knows that cleaning has to be done every morning.

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