

# Arthur Conan Doyle

## Quotes

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A dog reflects the family life. Whoever saw a frisky dog in a gloomy family, or a sad dog in a happy one? Snarling people have snarling dogs, dangerous people have dangerous ones.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Where there is no imagination there is no horror.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I consider that a man's brain originally is like a little empty attic, and you have to stock it with such furniture as you choose.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

London, that great cesspool into which all the loungers and idlers of the Empire are irresistibly drained.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

When the impossible has been eliminated, all that remains no matter how improbable is possible.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Detection is, or ought to be, an exact science, and should be treated in the same cold and unemotional manner.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Any truth is better than indefinite doubt.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It may be that you are not yourself luminous, but that you are a conductor of light. Some people without possessing genius have a remarkable power of stimulating it.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I'm not a psychopath, I'm a fully functioning sociopath. Do your research.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There are always some lunatics about. It would be a dull world without them.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

His sanguine spirit turns every firefly into a star.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I carry my own church about under my own hat," said I. "Bricks and mortar won't make a staircase to heaven. I believe with your Master that the human heart is the best temple.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The most dangerous condition for a man or a nation is when his intellectual side is more developed than his spiritual. Is that not exactly the condition of the world today?

~Arthur Conan Doyle

How sweet the morning air is! ...How small we feel with our petty ambitions and strivings in the presence of the great elemental forces of Nature!

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You are my heart, my life, my one and only thought.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There is no scent so pleasant to my nostrils as that faint, subtle reek which comes from an ancient book.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I could not rest, Watson, I could not sit quiet in my chair, if I thought that such a man as Professor Moriarty were walking the streets of London unchallenged.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

When a doctor does go wrong he is the first of criminals. He has nerve and he has knowledge.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Holy Men! Holy Cabbages! Holy Bean Pods! What do they do but live and suck in sustenance and grow fat?

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The lowest and vilest alleys of London do not present a more dreadful

record of sin than does the smiling and beautiful countryside.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Your life is not your own. Keep your hands off it.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The love of books is among the choicest gifts of the gods.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Picnics are very dear to those who are in the first stage of the tender passion.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You see, but you do not observe.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I have seen too much not to know that the impression of a woman may be more valuable than the conclusion of an analytical reasoner.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Education never ends, Watson. It is a series of lessons, with the greatest for the last.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The chief proof of man's real greatness lies in his perception of his own smallness.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

We can't command our love, but we can our actions.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It's every man's business to see justice done.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I have frequently gained my first real insight into the character of parents by studying their children.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Some people's affability is more deadly than the violence of coarser souls.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is stupidity rather than courage to refuse to recognize danger when it is close upon you.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The unexpected has happened so continually in my life that it has ceased to deserve the name.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Violence does, in truth, recoil upon the violent, and the schemer falls into the pit which he digs for another.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Now is the dramatic moment of fate, Watson, when you hear a step upon the stair which is walking into your life, and you know not whether for good or ill.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

They say that genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains," he remarked with a smile. "It's a very bad definition, but it does apply to detective work.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

A trusty comrade is always of use; and a chronicler still more so.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

To a great mind, nothing is little,' remarked Holmes, sententiously.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

My name is Sherlock Holmes. It is my business to know what other people do not know.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is not that I think or believe, but that I know.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Circumstantial evidence is occasionally very convincing, as when you find a trout in the milk, to quote Thoreau's example.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

No man lives or has ever lived who has brought the same amount of study and of natural talent to the detection of crime which I have done.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Keep your revolver near you night and day, and never relax your precautions.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Work is the best antidote to sorrow, my dear Watson.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You have a grand gift for silence, Watson. It makes you quite invaluable as a companion.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

When once your point of view is changed, the very thing which was so damning becomes a clue to the truth.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It was all love on my side, and all good comradeship and friendship on hers. When we parted she was a free woman, but I could never again

be a free man.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

A man should keep his little brain attic stocked with all the furniture that he is likely to use, and the rest he can put away in the lumber-room of his library, where he can get it if he wants it.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is not my intention to be fulsome, but I confess that I covet your skull.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

To that Providence, my sons, I hereby commend you, and I counsel you by way of caution to forbear from crossing the moor in those dark hours when the powers of evil are exalted.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There are heroisms all round us waiting to be done.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I wanted to end the world but, I'll settle for ending yours.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You cannot see the lettuce and the dressing without suspecting a salad.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You yourself may not be luminous, but you are a conductor of light.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is a great thing to start life with a small number of really good books which are your very own.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Jealousy is a strange transformer of characters.



~Arthur Conan Doyle

Life, it turns out, is infinitely more clever and adaptable than anyone had ever supposed.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

You never tire of the moor. You cannot think the wonderful secrets which it contains. It is so vast, and so barren, and so mysterious.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I get in the dumps at times, and don't open my mouth for days on end. You must not think I am sulky when I do that. Just let me alone, and I'll soon be right.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Critics kind never mind! Critics flatter no matter! Critics blame all the same! Do your best damn the rest!

~Arthur Conan Doyle

A sandwich and a cup of coffee, and then off to violin-land, where all is sweetness and delicacy and harmony.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Violence recoils on the violent.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Draw your chair up, and hand me my violin, for the only problem which we have still to solve is how to while away these bleak autumnal evenings.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There is nothing more to be said or to be done tonight, so hand me over my violin and let us try to forget for half an hour the miserable weather and the still more miserable ways of our fellowmen.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Of all ghosts the ghosts of our old loves are the worst.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There are times, young fellah, when every one of us must make a stand for human right and justice, or you never feel clean again.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

We all learn by experience, and your lesson this time is that you should never lose sight of the alternative. Sherlock Holmes speaking with Dr. Watson.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

From a drop of water a logician could infer the possibility of an Atlantic or a Niagara without having seen or heard of one or the other.

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Watson. Come at once if convenient. If inconvenient, come all the same.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

He burst into one of his rare fits of laughter as he turned away from the picture. I have not heard him laugh often, and it has always boded ill to somebody.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I am somewhat exhausted; I wonder how a battery feels when it pours electricity into a non-conductor?

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It's quite exciting," said Sherlock Holmes, with a yawn.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The fair sex is your department.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

We have much to hope from the flowers.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There is nothing more stimulating than a case where everything goes against you.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I am not the law, but I represent justice so far as my feeble powers go.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

"I have seen those symptoms before," said Holmes, throwing his cigarette into the fire. "Oscillation upon the pavement always means an affaire de coeur."

~Arthur Conan Doyle

My mind rebels at stagnation, give me problems, give me work!

~Arthur Conan Doyle

If in 100 years I am only known as the man who invented Sherlock Holmes then I will have considered my life a failure.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

I am a brain, Watson. The rest of me is a mere appendix.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Art in the blood is liable to take the strangest forms.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

No: I am not tired. I have a curious constitution. I never remember feeling tired by work, though idleness exhausts me completely." ~ Sherlock Holmes

~Arthur Conan Doyle

What one man can invent, another can discover.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

For strange effects and extraordinary combinations we must go to life itself, which is always far more daring than any effort of the imagination.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

One must wait till it comes.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

To let the brain work without sufficient material is like racing an engine. It racks itself to pieces.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The more outré and grotesque an incident is the more carefully it deserves to be examined.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Healthy scepticism is the basis of all accurate observation.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

Skill is fine, and genius is splendid, but the right contacts are more valuable than either.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There seems to me to be absolutely no limit to the inanity and credulity of the human race. Homo Sapiens! Homo idioticus!

~Arthur Conan Doyle

There's a light in a woman's eyes that speaks louder than words.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

It is of the highest importance in the art of detection to be able to recognise out of a number of facts which are incidental and which are vital.

~Arthur Conan Doyle

The devil's agents may be of flesh and blood, may they not?

~Arthur Conan Doyle

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