

# August Strindberg Quotes

*People, Men, Children, Hatred, Imagination, Eye, Love, Happiness, Reality,  
Character, World, Dream, Silence, Hate, Joy, Beautiful, Writing, Life, Doe, Book*

Not everyone is capable of madness; and of those lucky enough to be capable, not many have the courage for it.

~August Strindberg

A man with a so-called character is often a simple piece of mechanism; he has often only one point of view for the extremely complicated relationships of life.

~August Strindberg

By attempting the impossible one can attain the highest level of the possible.

~August Strindberg

I prefer silence. Then you can hear thoughts and see into the past. In silence you can't hide anything â€” as you can in words.

~August Strindberg

There are poisons that blind you, and poisons that open your eyes.

~August Strindberg

I dream, therefore I exist.

~August Strindberg

Some people seem to be born to suffer.

~August Strindberg

No matter how far we travel, the memories will follow in the baggage car.

~August Strindberg

Now I know the full power of evil. It makes ugliness seem beautiful and goodness seem ugly and weak.

~August Strindberg

Religion must be a punishment, because nobody gets religion who does not have a bad conscience.

~August Strindberg

Silence hides nothing. Words conceal.

~August Strindberg

if you are afraid of loneliness, don't get married

~August Strindberg

The world, life and human beings are only an illusion, a phantom, a dream image.

~August Strindberg

I find my joy of living in the fierce and ruthless battles of life, and my pleasure comes from learning something.

~August Strindberg

That is the thankless position of the father in the family-the provider for all, and the enemy of all.

~August Strindberg

Society is a madhouse whose wardens are the officials and the police.

~August Strindberg

People who keep dogs are cowards who haven't got the guts to bite people themselves.

~August Strindberg

When is revolution legal? When it succeeds!

~August Strindberg

The will ... is the driving force of the mind. If it's injured, the mind falls to pieces.

~August Strindberg

What is economics? A science invented by the upper class in order to acquire the fruits of the labor of the underclass

~August Strindberg

I love her and she loves me, and we hate each other with a wild hatred born of love.

~August Strindberg

Sometimes not seeing things can be a blessing.

~August Strindberg

What people call success is only preparation for the next failure.

~August Strindberg

I do not care about my own appearance, but I would hope that people could see into my soul, and that is presented better in these photographs than in others. (On his self-portraits)

~August Strindberg

I hated her now with a hatred more fatal than indifference because it was the other side of love.

~August Strindberg

Necessity knows no rules.

~August Strindberg

There comes a moment... When imagination gives out and Reality leaps forth. It is frightful!

~August Strindberg

Happiness consumes itself like a flame. It cannot burn for ever, it must go out, and the presentiment of its end destroys it at its very peak.

~August Strindberg

Life is not so idiotically mathematical that only the big eat the small; it is just as common for a bee to kill a lion or at least to drive it mad.

~August Strindberg

Love between a man and woman is war.

~August Strindberg

Growing old-it's not nice, but it's interesting.

~August Strindberg

When I free my body from its clothes, from all their buttons, belts, and laces, it seems to me that my soul takes a deeper, freer breath.

~August Strindberg

I see the playwright as a lay preacher peddling the ideas of his time in popular form.

~August Strindberg

Those who won't accept evil never get anything good.

~August Strindberg

I've thought of becoming a photographer! To save my talent as a writer.

~August Strindberg

When people refuse to speak out for too long, it's like water that's stagnant and starts to rot!

~August Strindberg

People are constantly clamoring for the joy of life. As for me, I find the joy of life in the hard and cruel battle of life - to learn something is a joy to me.

~August Strindberg

Family . . . the home of all social evil, a charitable institution for comfortable women, an anchorage for house-fathers, and a hell for children.

~August Strindberg

Meeting each other and leaving each other. Leaving and meeting. That's what life is!

~August Strindberg

When people drink, they talk, and talk is dangerous!

~August Strindberg

What an occupation! To sit and flay your fellow men and then offer their skins for sale and expect them to buy them.

~August Strindberg

Oh, I have loved him too much to feel no hate for him.

~August Strindberg

It's wonderful how, the moment you talk about God and love, your voice becomes hard, and your eyes fill with hatred. No, Margret, you certainly haven't the true faith.

~August Strindberg

I always disliked dogs, those protectors of cowards who lack the courage to fight an assailant themselves.

~August Strindberg

He saw the cause of his unhappiness in the family--the family as a social institution, which does not permit the child to become an independent individual at the proper time.

~August Strindberg

Friendship can only exist between persons with similar interests and points of view. Man and woman by the conventions of society are born with different interests and different points of view.

~August Strindberg

I, too, am beginning to feel an immense need to become a savage and create a new world.

~August Strindberg

When aristocrats pretend they're common people -- they get common!

~August Strindberg

In the old days, one married a wife; now one forms a company with a female partner, or moves in to live with a friend. And then one seduces the partner, or defiles the friend.

~August Strindberg

It's risky to take anything on good faith where a woman is concerned.

~August Strindberg

The further from one another, the nearer one can be.

~August Strindberg

It is terribly hard to be married, harder than anything. I think one has to be an angel.

~August Strindberg

Why is it so painful to watch a person sink? Because there is something unnatural in it, for nature demands personal progress, evolution, and every backward step means wasted energy.

~August Strindberg

Any programming language is at its best before it is implemented and used. Anything is possible, anything can happen. On a flimsy ground of

reality, imagination spins marvelous patterns.

~August Strindberg



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