

# Booth Tarkington Quotes

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Husband, Happy, Shepherds, Natural, Personality, Love, Happiness, Important,  
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An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.

~Booth Tarkington

Gossip is never fatal until it is denied.

~Booth Tarkington

Whatever does not pretend at all has style enough.

~Booth Tarkington

Boyhood is the longest time in life for a boy. The last term of the school-year is made of decades, not of weeks, and living through them is like waiting for the millennium.

~Booth Tarkington

The only good in pretending is the fun we get out of fooling ourselves that we fool somebody.

~Booth Tarkington

Take your work seriously but never take yourself seriously and do not take what happens either to yourself or your work seriously.

~Booth Tarkington

Destiny has a constant passion for the incongruous.

~Booth Tarkington

The only safe male rebuke to a scornful female is to stay away from her - especially if that is what she desires.

~Booth Tarkington

The understanding smile of an old wife to her husband is one of the loveliest things in the world.

~Booth Tarkington

It is love in old age, no longer blind, that is true love. For the love's

highest intensity doesn't necessarily mean it's highest quality.

~Booth Tarkington

There aren't any old times. When times are gone they're not old, they're dead! There aren't any times but new times!

~Booth Tarkington

Youth cannot imagine romance apart from youth.

~Booth Tarkington

Arguments only confirm people in their own opinions.

~Booth Tarkington

Nobody has a good name in a bad mouth. Nobody has a good name in a silly mouth either.

~Booth Tarkington

So long as we can lose any happiness, we possess some.

~Booth Tarkington

Some day the laws of glamour must be discovered, because they are so important that the world would be wiser now if Sir Isaac Newton had been hit on the head, not by an apple, but by a young lady.

~Booth Tarkington

There are two things that will be believed of any man whatsoever, and one of them is that he has taken to drink

~Booth Tarkington

Men were just like sheep, and nothing was easier than for women to set up as shepherds and pen them up in a field.

~Booth Tarkington

Mystics always hope that science will some day overtake them.

~Booth Tarkington

Christmas day is the children's, but the holidays are youth's dancing-time.

~Booth Tarkington

One of the hardest conditions of boyhood is the almost continuous strain put upon the powers of invention by the constant and harassing necessity for explanations for every natural act.

~Booth Tarkington

This is a boy's lot: anything he does, anything whatever, may afterward turn out to have been a crime - he never knows. And punishment and clemency are alike inexplicable.

~Booth Tarkington

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