

Charles Bukowski

Quotes

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Night, Morning, Way, Wine, Crazy, Heart, Beautiful, Want, Laughing, Simple*

Understand me. I'm not like an ordinary world. I have my madness, I live in another dimension and I do not have time for things that have no soul.

~Charles Bukowski

The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts, while the stupid ones are full of confidence.

~Charles Bukowski

Can you remember who you were, before the world told you who you should be?

~Charles Bukowski

People are strange: They are constantly angered by trivial things, but on a major matter like totally wasting their lives, they hardly seem to notice.

~Charles Bukowski

Find what you love and let it kill you.

~Charles Bukowski

If something burns your soul with purpose and desire, it's your duty to be reduced to ashes by it. Any other form of existence will be yet another dull book in the library of life.

~Charles Bukowski

Love is a fog that burns with the first daylight of reality.

~Charles Bukowski

Sometimes I feel as if we are all trapped in a movie. We know our lines, where to walk, how to act, only there is no camera. Yet, we can't break out of the movie. And it's a bad one.

~Charles Bukowski

I stopped looking for a Dream Girl, I just wanted one that wasn't a nightmare.

~Charles Bukowski

You have to die a few times before you can really live.

~Charles Bukowski

Do you hate people? I don't hate them...I just feel better when they're not around.

~Charles Bukowski

Some people never go crazy, What truly horrible lives they must live.

~Charles Bukowski

the free soul is rare, but you know it when you see it - basically because you feel good, very good, when you are near or with them.

~Charles Bukowski

Some people like what you do, some people hate what you do, but most people simply don't give a damn.

~Charles Bukowski

The shortest distance between two points is often unbearable.

~Charles Bukowski

The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don't have to waste your time voting.

~Charles Bukowski

Slavery was never abolished, it was only extended to include all the colors.

~Charles Bukowski

I guess the only time most people think about injustice is when it happens to them.

~Charles Bukowski

Wherever the crowd goes run in the other direction. They're always wrong.

~Charles Bukowski

I loved you like a man loves a woman he never touches, only writes to, keeps little photographs of.

~Charles Bukowski

You begin saving the world by saving one man at a time; all else is grandiose romanticism or politics.

~Charles Bukowski

We're all going to die, all of us, what a circus! That alone should make us love each other but it doesn't. We are terrorized and flattened by trivialities, we are eaten up by nothing.

~Charles Bukowski

If you're going to try, go all the way. Otherwise, don't even start.

~Charles Bukowski

There's a bluebird in my heart that wants to get out.

~Charles Bukowski

There's a light somewhere. It may not be much light but it beats the darkness.

~Charles Bukowski

I am a series of small victories and large defeats and I am as amazed as any other that I have gotten from there to here.

~Charles Bukowski

Beauty is nothing, beauty won't stay. You don't know how lucky you are to be ugly, because if people like you, you know it's for something else.

~Charles Bukowski

Beware of those who seek constant crowds; they are nothing alone.

~Charles Bukowski

The world is full of boring, identical and mindless people.

~Charles Bukowski

And don't forget: time is meant to be wasted, love fails and death is useless.

~Charles Bukowski

Bad taste creates many more millionaires than good taste.

~Charles Bukowski

writers are desperate people and when they stop being desperate they stop being writers.

~Charles Bukowski

nobody can save you but yourself and you're worth saving. it's a war not easily won but if anything is worth winning then this is it.

~Charles Bukowski

I don't like jail, they got the wrong kind of bars in there.

~Charles Bukowski

If you want to know who your friends are, get yourself a jail sentence.

~Charles Bukowski

I've had so many knives stuck into me, when they hand me a flower I can't quite make out what it is. It takes time.

~Charles Bukowski

Success is always dangerous. It can make an asshole out of anybody.

~Charles Bukowski

We are here to laugh at the odds and live our lives so well that Death will tremble to take us.

~Charles Bukowski

people run from rain but sit in bathtubs full of water.

~Charles Bukowski

Some lose all mind and become soul, insane. some lose all soul and become mind, intellectual. some lose both and become accepted

~Charles Bukowski

what matters most is how well you walk through the fire

~Charles Bukowski

Sometimes you climb out of bed in the morning and you think, I'm not going to make it, but you laugh inside "remembering all the times you've felt that way.

~Charles Bukowski

I am not a snob; it is simply that I am not interested with what most people have to say, or what they want to do "mostly with my time.

~Charles Bukowski

"she' mad but she' magic. there' no lie in her fire.

~Charles Bukowski

The masses are always wrong...Wisdom is doing everything the crowd does not do. All you do is reverse the totality of their learning and you have the heaven they're looking for.

~Charles Bukowski

as the spirit wanes the form appears

~Charles Bukowski

We don't even ask happiness, just a little less pain.

~Charles Bukowski

The less I needed, the better I felt.

~Charles Bukowski

Simplicity is always the secret, to a profound truth, to doing things, to writing, to painting. Life is profound in its simplicity

~Charles Bukowski

We have wasted History like a bunch of drunks shooting dice back in the men's crapper of the local bar.

~Charles Bukowski

There's a bluebird in my heart that wants to get out but I'm too tough for him, I say, stay in there, I'm not going to let anybody see you.

~Charles Bukowski

God is a lonely place without steak.

~Charles Bukowski

Almost everybody is born a genius and buried an idiot.

~Charles Bukowski

The crowd is the gathering place of the weakest; true creation is a solitary act.

~Charles Bukowski

The wisest thing to do if you're living in hell is to make yourself comfortable.

~Charles Bukowski

Writing is like going to bed with a beautiful woman and afterwards she gets up, goes to her purse and gives me a handful of money.

~Charles Bukowski

Let it die. Let there be a new beginning. It's awful. Goodnight.

~Charles Bukowski

Insanity is relative. Who sets the norm?

~Charles Bukowski

I went to the worst of bars hoping to get killed but all I could do was to get drunk again.

~Charles Bukowski

An intellectual says a simple thing in a hard way. An artist says a hard thing in a simple way.

~Charles Bukowski

People empty me. I have to get away to refill.

~Charles Bukowski

I walked around the block twice, passed 200 people and failed to see a human being.

~Charles Bukowski

You can forgive a fool because he only runs in one direction and doesn't deceive anybody. It's the deceivers who make you feel bad.

~Charles Bukowski

If I never see you again I will always carry you inside outside on my fingertips and at brain edges and in centers centers of what I am of what remains.

~Charles Bukowski

If you're losing your soul and you know it, then you've still got a soul left to lose.

~Charles Bukowski

I am not like other people. I am burning in hell. The hell of myself.

~Charles Bukowski

It's not the large things that send a man to the madhouse... no, it's the continuing series of small tragedies... not the death of his love but the shoelace that snaps with no time left.

~Charles Bukowski

An artist is a man who says a difficult thing in a simple way

~Charles Bukowski

Capitalism has survived communism. Now, it eats away at itself.

~Charles Bukowski

But my whole life has been a matter of fighting for one simple hour to do what I want to do. There was always something getting in the way of my getting to myself.

~Charles Bukowski

People with no morals often considered themselves more free, but mostly they lacked the ability to feel or love.

~Charles Bukowski

Are you becoming what you've always hated?

~Charles Bukowski

Drinking is another way of thinking, another way of living. It gives you two lives instead of one.

~Charles Bukowski

Those faces you see every day on the streets were not created entirely without hope: be kind to them: like you they have not escaped.

~Charles Bukowski

There are only two things wrong with money: too much or too little.

~Charles Bukowski

I no longer want it all, just some comfort and some sex and some minor love.

~Charles Bukowski

one more creature dizzy with love

~Charles Bukowski

Don't wait for the good woman. She doesn't exist.

~Charles Bukowski

You've got to know when to let a woman go if you want to keep her, and if you don't want to keep her you let her go anyhow so it's always a process of letting go, one way or the other.

~Charles Bukowski

An early taste of death is not necessarily a bad thing.

~Charles Bukowski

Bullfighting can be an art
Boxing can be an art
Loving can be an art
Opening a can of sardines can be an art

~Charles Bukowski

The crazy ones only laugh when there is no reason to laugh.

~Charles Bukowski

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~Charles Bukowski

In my next life I want to be a cat. To sleep 20 hours a day and wait to be fed. To sit around licking my ass.

~Charles Bukowski

You can't beat death but you can beat death in life, sometimes. and the more often you learn to do it, the more light there will be. your life is your life. know it while you have it.

~Charles Bukowski

I will remember the kisses, our lips raw with love, and how you gave me everything you had and how I offered you what was left of me.

~Charles Bukowski

I remember awakening one morning and finding everything smeared with the color of forgotten love.

~Charles Bukowski

I have gotten so used to melancholia that I greet it like an old friend.

~Charles Bukowski

I would be married, but I'd have no wife, I would be married to a single life.

~Charles Bukowski

It's never quite right, all the things we are taught, all the loves we chase, all the deaths we die, all the lives we live.

~Charles Bukowski

the tigers have found me and I do not care.

~Charles Bukowski

People were interesting at first. Then later, slowly but surely, all the flaws and madness would manifest themselves. I would become less and less to them; they would mean less and less to me.

~Charles Bukowski

You have my soul and I have your money

~Charles Bukowski

What a woman wants is a reaction. What a man wants is a woman.

~Charles Bukowski

Genius might be the ability to say a profound thing in a simple way.

~Charles Bukowski

I want so much that is not here and do not know where to go.

~Charles Bukowski

It's possible to love a human being if you don't know them too well.

~Charles Bukowski

Drink from the well of yourself and begin again.

~Charles Bukowski

I was beaten down long ago in some alley in another world.

~Charles Bukowski

The Difference Between Art and Life is that Art is More Bearable

~Charles Bukowski

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