

Dashiell Hammett

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I don't mind a reasonable amount of trouble.

~Dashiell Hammett

I've been as bad an influence on American literature as anyone I can think of.

~Dashiell Hammett

The problem with putting two and two together is that sometimes you get four, and sometimes you get twenty-two.

~Dashiell Hammett

Joel Cairo: You always have a very smooth explanation ready. Sam Spade: What do you want me to do, learn to stutter?

~Dashiell Hammett

Listen, darling, tomorrow I'll buy you a whole lot of detective stories, but don't worry your pretty little head over mysteries tonight.

~Dashiell Hammett

I couldn't be fonder of you if you were my own son. But, well, if you lose a son, it's possible to get another. There's only one Maltese Falcon.

~Dashiell Hammett

You don't pay a prostitute for sex, you pay her to leave afterwards.

~Dashiell Hammett

My way of learning is to heave a wild and unpredictable monkey-wrench into the machinery.

~Dashiell Hammett

Feed the lettuce to the bunny and eat the bunny.

~Dashiell Hammett

I once knew a man who stole a Ferris Wheel.

~Dashiell Hammett

You got to look on the bright side, even if there ain't one.

~Dashiell Hammett

The cheaper the crook, the gaudier the patter.

~Dashiell Hammett

It's sometimes better to pretend I don't hear the sound of somebody in the nearby woods with a shotgun.

~Dashiell Hammett

She grinned at me. 'You got types?' 'Only you darling - lanky brunettes with wicked jaws.

~Dashiell Hammett

With what dope I got I think it fills me in pretty well.

~Dashiell Hammett

I deserve all the love you can spare me. And I want a lot more than I deserve.

~Dashiell Hammett

The outcome of successful planning always looks like luck to saps.

~Dashiell Hammett

To get what he wanted, a man had to give other people what they wanted.

~Dashiell Hammett

Brigid: I haven't lived a good life - I've been bad, worse than you could know. Spade: That's good, because if you actually were as innocent as you pretend to be, we'd never get anywhere.

~Dashiell Hammett

Strictly speaking, there are no real substitutes for sexual satisfaction

~Dashiell Hammett

I found I was repeating myself. It is the beginning of the end when you discover you have style.

~Dashiell Hammett

I haven't any sort of plans for the future but I reckon things will work out in some manner.

~Dashiell Hammett

...What disturbed him was the discovery that in sensibly ordering his affairs he had got out of step, and not into step, with Life.

~Dashiell Hammett

Most things in San Francisco can be bought or taken.

~Dashiell Hammett

He looked rather pleasantly, like a blonde satan.

~Dashiell Hammett

He felt like somebody had taken the lid off life and let him see the works.

~Dashiell Hammett

The roof might fall in; anything could happen.

~Dashiell Hammett

The face she made at me was probably meant for a smile. Whatever it was, it beat me. I was afraid she'd do it again, so I surrendered

~Dashiell Hammett

The boy spoke two words, the first a short guttural verb, the second "you."

~Dashiell Hammett

A lot of fancier yarns come from people trying to tell the truth. It's not easy once you're out of the habit.

~Dashiell Hammett

It's awfully easy to be in love in jail

~Dashiell Hammett

Our lawyers had their chat with the Supreme Court Justice, and promised to repast the chat to other members of the Supreme Court to find out whether they wanted to hear us out.

~Dashiell Hammett

I distrust a man that says when. If he's got to be careful not to drink to much it's because he's not to be trusted when he does.

~Dashiell Hammett

I haven't laughed so much over anything since the hogs ate my kid brother.

~Dashiell Hammett

Nora: "How do you feel?" Nick: "Terrible. I must've gone to bed sober.

~Dashiell Hammett

Talking is something you can't do judiciously unless you keep in practice.

~Dashiell Hammett

Who shot him? I asked. The grey man scratched the back of his neck and said: Somebody with a gun.

~Dashiell Hammett

Listen, Dundy, it's been a long time since I burst into tears because a

policeman didn't like me.

~Dashiell Hammett

Nick: "Don't you think maybe a drink would help you to sleep?" Nora: "No, thanks." Nick: "Maybe it would if I took one.

~Dashiell Hammett

Yes,' Spade growled. 'And when you're slapped you'll take it and like it.' He released Cairo's wrist and with a thick open hand struck the side of his face three times savagely.

~Dashiell Hammett

Nora said: 'I love you, Nicky, because you smell nice and know such fascinating people.

~Dashiell Hammett

The truth is you don't like the theater except the times when you're in a room by yourself putting the play on paper.

~Dashiell Hammett

I first heard Personville called Poisonville by a red-haired mucker named Hickey Dewey in the Big Ship in Butte. He also called his shirt a shoit.

~Dashiell Hammett

Three times I have been mistaken for a prohibition agent, but never had any trouble clearing myself.

~Dashiell Hammett

I like women. I really like women.

~Dashiell Hammett

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