

# David Eddings

## Quotes

*Men, Kings, People, Trying, Looks, Thinking, Real, Years, Lying, Mind, Mother,  
Dark, Opinion, Stories, Hate, Hands, Heart, Said, Horse, Long*

Once you've decided that something's absolutely true, you've closed your mind on it, and a closed mind doesn't go anywhere. Question everything. That's what education's all about.

~David Eddings

I've looked at the world for quite a few years now and I've found that if I don't laugh, I'll probably end up crying." - Prince Kheldar of Drasnia

~David Eddings

As soon as somebody falls in love, all the wits seem to dribble out of the bottom of his head.

~David Eddings

When love is involved no sacrifice is too great.

~David Eddings

The only reason there's such a thing as a morning in the first place is to keep night and afternoon from bumping into each other. -Kheldar

~David Eddings

No day in which you learn something is a complete loss.

~David Eddings

As long as I know that my motives are good, I'm Seldom very concerned with the opinions of others. -Mandorallen, Baron of Vo Mandor.

~David Eddings

...only in the surrender of the light could the darkness prevail.

~David Eddings

Now's the time to be alive - to see it all happen, to be a part of it. That makes the blood race, and each breath is an adventure.

~David Eddings

As soon as a friendship passed a certain point - some obscure and secret boundary - a woman quite automatically became overwhelmed by a raging compulsion to complicate things.

~David Eddings

Events are like horses. Sometimes they run away. After they've run for a while, though, they'll start to walk again. Then there'll be a time to put everything together.

~David Eddings

All social workers want is to get everyone involved in a programme. Because a programme provides full employment for three generations of social workers. And they mess up.

~David Eddings

Everything is idiocy if you choose to look at it in the proper perspective.

~David Eddings

We're all entitled to a little stupidity now and then.

~David Eddings

When ignorance is bliss, there's folly in wisdom.

~David Eddings

Its a perfectly good face, Sparhawk." "It covers the front of my head. What else can you expect from a face?"

~David Eddings

Consistency is the defense of a small mind

~David Eddings

It's gaudy, ugly, and in terribly bad taste. It does, however, suit my personality almost perfectly.

~David Eddings

This is terrible, when a writer is bored by his own work, but it was a real bomb and had reached the point where I couldn't even stand to look at it any more.

~David Eddings

Who owns a man, Durnik?â€• the blond young man asked sadly.  
â€œThe one who rules him, or the one who pays him?

~David Eddings

Someday I'd like to see something rise up out of the earth -just for the sake of variety.

~David Eddings

The real world out there isn't nearly as nice as some people prefer it to be, so don't swallow everything your high-born teachers tell you without taking a long hard look at it yourselves.

~David Eddings

The unfortunate thing about working for yourself is that you have the worst boss in the world. I work every day of the year except at Christmas, when I work a half day.

~David Eddings

If the general opinion is pessimistic, fantasy is going to hold its own.

~David Eddings

I hesitate to predict whether this theory is true. But if the general opinion of Mankind is optimistic then we're in for a period of extreme popularity for science fiction.

~David Eddings

I've fallen back on this periodically, although I must say that getting out of the grocery business ranked right up there with getting out of the army as one of the happier experiences of my life.

~David Eddings

Don't be afraid to discard work you know isn't up to standard. Don't save junk, just because it took you a long time to write it.

~David Eddings

I wrote a novel for my degree, and I'm very happy I didn't submit that to a publisher. I sympathize with my professors who had to read it.

~David Eddings

Call it my little gesture toward social conscience, but I like to think I'm teaching a certain number of people to read. Now that sounds pretentious!

~David Eddings

I taught in a small teacher's college for three or four years, at which point all the administrators got a pay raise and the teaching faculty didn't.

~David Eddings

The whole world is beautiful, Belgarion' Eriond assured him in response to that unspoken thought. 'You just have to know how to look at it

~David Eddings

Nobles and peasants marry early. Businessmen tend to wait.

~David Eddings

I get up at an unholy hour in the morning my work day is completed by the time the sun rises. I have a slightly bad back which has made an enormous contribution to American literature.

~David Eddings

If you're going to maintain any kind of self-respect, you're going to have to keep secrets from yourself.

~David Eddings

The one of us who lies the best will get the better of the bargain. It's a game. A very exciting game that's played all over the world. Good players got rich, and bad players don't.

~David Eddings

Garion started shaving. "Try to keep away from your nose," said Hettar wryly. "A man looks quite strange without a nose.

~David Eddings

Start early and work hard. A writer's apprenticeship usually involves writing a million words (which are then discarded) before he's almost ready to begin. That takes a while.

~David Eddings

I'm truly amazed at you, Garion," Polgara said. "I didn't think you had the faintest idea of how to speak a civilized language." "Thank you," he said, "I think.

~David Eddings

It's only a story, isn't it?"... "Who's to say what's only a story and what's truth disguised as a story?

~David Eddings

Isn't it easier to forgive than to hate? -Eriond

~David Eddings

I'm a storyteller, not a prophet. I'm just interested in a good story.

~David Eddings

I'm never going to be in danger of getting the Nobel Prize for literature.

~David Eddings

You're a cynic," Urgit accused. Silk shook his head. "No, Your Majesty. I'm a realist.

~David Eddings

Listen to the way people talk. If your characters sound real the rest is easy.

~David Eddings

Any time there's something so ridiculously dangerous that no rational human being would try it, they send for me.' --Garion

~David Eddings

Nothing that's really worthwhile should be easy, Belgarion. If it's easy, we don't value it.

~David Eddings

Water....I'm thirsty not dirty.

~David Eddings

I thought you said you were the one in charge!" Ce'Nedra exclaimed. I lied." Silk said. "It's a vice I have.

~David Eddings

Will you never grow up?" "I doubt it, and I certainly hope not.

~David Eddings

...I made some more threats. I've got this big knife back here." He poked his thumb over his shoulder. "It attracts a lot of attention sometimes.

~David Eddings

I'm hungry, Garion, and I don't think well when I'm hungry." "That might explain a lot," Beldin noted blandly. "We should have fed you more often when you were younger."

~David Eddings

Whatever happened to him?" Silk asked. "He went swimming in the Nedrane." "I didn't know that Thulls swam all that well." "They don't-particularly not with large rocks tied to their feet.

~David Eddings

Isn't it odd how the little things can change a man's entire life?

~David Eddings

It's all very well to put the government in the hands of the perfect man, but what do you do when the perfect man gets a bellyache?

~David Eddings

I want a sword not a knitting needle -Kalen

~David Eddings

Someday you'll have to show me how you did that," Asharak was saying. "I found the experience interesting. My horse had hysterics, however." "My apologies to your horse.

~David Eddings

It's the nature of man to ask questions. --Belgarath

~David Eddings

All I knew was that I would die if he sent me away. He shrugged. You can cut a man's heart out with a shrug, did you know that?

~David Eddings

Heroes aren't allowed to be nervous." "Who made up that rule?" "It's a known fact.

~David Eddings

Vanity's ridiculous, but we all fall prey to it from time to time.



~David Eddings

Impatience is a poor substitute for a well-considered plan.

~David Eddings

Misty Sendaria," Silk said ironically. "Sometimes I'm amazed that the entire kingdom doesn't rust shut.

~David Eddings

If you'd just try, I'm sure you'd be able to fly.

~David Eddings

Women are almost always angry with men for one reason or another. It's one of things you'll have to get used to, as you get older.

~David Eddings

Nothing that ever happens is so unimportant that it doesn't change things.

~David Eddings

It's one of the advantages of being a woman. I get to do all sorts of unfair things, and you have to accept them because you're too polite not to. --Polgara

~David Eddings

Don't wrench your shoulder out of its socket trying to pat yourself on the back," Beldin said sourly.

~David Eddings

The dullest man in the world is charming beyond belief when he's pouring gold coins from one hand to the other.

~David Eddings

Wise are you, indeed... to know what is not possible.

~David Eddings

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