

David Sedaris

Quotes

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The Greeks had invented democracy, built the Acropolis and called it a day.

~David Sedaris

Real love amounts to withholding the truth, even when you're offered the perfect opportunity to hurt someone's feelings.

~David Sedaris

A zoo is a good place to make a spectacle of yourself, as the people around you have creepier, more photogenic things to look at.

~David Sedaris

There seemed to be some correlation between devotion to God and a misguided zeal for marshmallows.

~David Sedaris

All of us take pride and pleasure in the fact that we are unique, but I'm afraid that when all is said and done the police are right: it all comes down to fingerprints.

~David Sedaris

Remember that the most important thing is to try and love other people as much as they love you.

~David Sedaris

I started writing when I was twenty, and my first book came out seventeen years later.

~David Sedaris

Everyone looks retarded once you set your mind to it.

~David Sedaris

Like all of my friends, she's a lousy judge of character.

~David Sedaris

A good [short story] would take me out of myself and then stuff me back in, oversized, now, and uneasy with the fit.

~David Sedaris

At the end of a miserable day, instead of grieving my virtual nothing, I can always look at my loaded wastepaper basket and tell myself that if I failed, at least I took a few trees down with me.

~David Sedaris

But most good movies have a gun in them.

~David Sedaris

I haven't got the slightest idea how to change people, but still I keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should ever figure it out.

~David Sedaris

I guess my guilty pleasure would be listening to the British audio versions of the 'Harry Potter' books.

~David Sedaris

Lovers of audio books learn to live with compromise.

~David Sedaris

Boys who spent their weekends making banana nut muffins did not, as a rule, excel in the art of hand-to-hand combat.

~David Sedaris

What I really hated, of course, was my mind. There must have been an off switch somewhere, but I was damned if I could find it.

~David Sedaris

Comfort has its place, but it seems rude to visit another country dressed as if you've come to mow its lawns.

~David Sedaris

Snowball just leads elves on, elves and Santas. He is playing a dangerous game.

~David Sedaris

Speed eliminates all doubt. Am I smart enough? Will people like me? Do I really look all right in this plastic jumpsuit?

~David Sedaris

Writing gives you the illusion of control, and then you realize it's just an illusion, that people are going to bring their own stuff into it.

~David Sedaris

Some friendships are formed by a commonality of interests and ideas: you both love judo or camping or making your own sausage. Other friendships are forged in alliance against a common enemy.

~David Sedaris

I just looked at the pattern of my life, decided I didn't like it, and changed.

~David Sedaris

Most people would have found it grotesque, but when you're in love nothing is so abstract or horrible that it can't be thought of as cute.

~David Sedaris

Their house had real hardcover books in it, and you often saw them lying open on the sofa, the words still warm from being read.

~David Sedaris

This left me alone to solve the coffee problem - a sort of catch-22, as in order to think straight I need caffeine, and in order to make that happen I need to think straight.

~David Sedaris

If you aren't cute, you may as well be clever.

~David Sedaris

If you stepped out of the shower and saw a leprechaun standing at the base of your toilet, would you scream, or would you innately understand that he meant you no harm?

~David Sedaris

I felt uncomfortable calling myself a writer until I started with 'The New Yorker,' and then I was like, 'Okay, now you can call yourself that.'

~David Sedaris

We were not a hugging people. In terms of emotional comfort it was our belief that no amount of physical contact could match the healing powers of a well made cocktail.

~David Sedaris

They were nothing like the French people I had imagined. If anything, they were too kind, too generous and too knowledgeable in the fields of plumbing and electricity.

~David Sedaris

I think it's good to have the alone time. Well, I kind of have to, because I have to be alone in order to work, so I have alone time. And then I go on tour and I have being-around-people time.

~David Sedaris

If you are any kind of an artist, then validation . . . can be a result, but you're going to do the work anyway.

~David Sedaris

As a child I assumed that when I reached adulthood, I would have

grown-up thoughts.

~David Sedaris

The message was that if something is free, you should only take the best. If, on the other hand, you're forced to pay, it's best to lower the bar and not be so choosy.

~David Sedaris

I go to the movies at least five times a week, and after a while everything becomes a blur to me.

~David Sedaris

I love things made out of animals. It's just so funny to think of someone saying, 'I need a letter opener. I guess I'll have to kill a deer.'

~David Sedaris

What other people call dark and despairing, I call funny.

~David Sedaris

But I'm a humorist. I'm not a reporter, I never pretended to be a reporter.

~David Sedaris

In Japanese and Italian, the response to ["How are you?"] is "I'm fine, and you?" In German it's answered with a sigh and a slight pause, followed by "Not so good."

~David Sedaris

This was the consequence of seeing too much and understanding the horrible truth: No one is safe. The world is not manageable.

~David Sedaris

As a foreigner in London, I like that there are so many other foreigners.

~David Sedaris

If you read someone else's diary, you get what you deserve.

~David Sedaris

I've often lost faith in myself, I've never lost it in my family.

~David Sedaris

I won't put in a load of laundry, because the machine is too loud and would drown out other, more significant noises - namely, the shuffling footsteps of the living dead.

~David Sedaris

Weird doors open. People fall into things.

~David Sedaris

The only real advice you can give anyone is to keep writing.

~David Sedaris

We can't profess love without talking through hand puppets.

~David Sedaris

I can't seem to fathom that the things important to me are not important to other people as well, and so I come off sounding like a missionary, someone whose job it is to convert rather than listen.

~David Sedaris

I like nonfiction books about people with wretched lives.

~David Sedaris

To spend your days in the company of naked men - that was the life for me. 'Turn a bit to the left, Jean-Claude. I long to capture the playful quality of your buttocks.

~David Sedaris

I cry all the time when I watch 'Glee' because I don't know if it's satire or

melodrama and that makes me feel like the writing is aware of itself, and that makes it OK to cry.

~David Sedaris

On a busy day twenty-two thousand people come to visit Santa, and I was told that it is an elf's lot to remain merry in the face of torment and adversity. I promised to keep that in mind.

~David Sedaris

No one writes dialect better than Flannery O'Connor. No one should even try.

~David Sedaris

Write relentlessly, until you find your voice. Then, use it.

~David Sedaris

I started writing one afternoon when I was twenty, and ever since then I have written every day. At first I had to force myself. Then it became part of my identity, and I did it without thinking.

~David Sedaris

I've always been very upfront about the way I write, and I've always used the tools humorists use, such as exaggeration.

~David Sedaris

Actually I liked that 'Let the Right One In,' that Swedish vampire movie.

~David Sedaris

I've been keeping diaries for 27 years.

~David Sedaris

Most people, or at least most of the people that I've come into contact with, would like to be written about.

~David Sedaris

My conscience is crosswired with my sweat glands, but there's a short in the system and I break out over things I didn't do, which only makes me look more suspect.

~David Sedaris

Paul Rudnick is a champion of truth (and love and great wicked humor) whom we ignore at our peril.

~David Sedaris

My sister Tiffany told me years ago, 'You can never write about me.' Then she called six months ago and said she wanted to be in a story. She was worried people thought I didn't like her.

~David Sedaris

The rabbit of Easter. He bring of the chocolate.

~David Sedaris

Sometimes I say to myself, 'Oh, I wish I could win a Tony Award', although I'm not that bothered.

~David Sedaris

All I do is lie, and that has made me immune to compliments.

~David Sedaris

You can't brace yourself for famine if you've never known hunger.

~David Sedaris

Often I'd take out my magnifying glass and stare into the chaos that was her face.

~David Sedaris

Most movies, I forget about them while I'm watching them. I go every single day. But I've never thought about participating in any way. It's like being at home all day. It was never a goal to me.

~David Sedaris

It make one's mouth hurt to speak with such forced merriment.

~David Sedaris

Standing in a two-hour line makes people worry that they're not living in a democratic nation. People stand in line for two houres and they go over the edge.

~David Sedaris

I just enjoy lying on the couch and reading a magazine.

~David Sedaris

I find it ridiculous to assign a gender to an inanimate object incapable of disrobing and making an occasional fool of itself.

~David Sedaris

But I don't distinguish between being laughed with, and laughed at. I'll take either.

~David Sedaris

Faced with an exciting question, science tended to provide the dullest possible answer. Ions might charge the air but they fell flat when it came to charging the imagination - my imagination, anyway.

~David Sedaris

Do I exaggerate? Boy, do I, and I'd do it more if I could get away with it.

~David Sedaris

Sometimes the sins you haven't committed are all you have left to hold onto.

~David Sedaris

It's hard to love a place that's outlawed smoking but finds it perfectly acceptable to serve raw fish in a bath of chocolate.

~David Sedaris

I went from having 50 listeners to 50 million listeners.

~David Sedaris

I'd tried to straighten him out, but there's only so much you can do for a person who thinks Auschwitz is a brand of beer.

~David Sedaris

The drama bug strikes hardest with Jews, homosexuals and plump women who wear their hair in bangs. These are people who, for one reason or another, desperately crave attention

~David Sedaris

I'm not a reporter but the 'New Yorker' treats everyone like a reporter.

~David Sedaris

Jeremy, Good luck on your first marriage.

~David Sedaris

In other parts of the country people tried to stay together for the sake of the children. In New York they tried to work things out for the sake of the apartment.

~David Sedaris

Oh, for Christ's sake,' I hear. 'Can we please just try to have a good time?' This is like ordering someone to find you attractive, and it doesn't work. I've tried it.

~David Sedaris

I'm the most important person in the lives of almost everyone I know and a good number of the people I've never even met.

~David Sedaris

I always think it's a good policy to like the people who like you.

~David Sedaris

It is funny the things that run through your mind when you're sitting in your underpants in front of a pair of strangers.

~David Sedaris

I spend so much time like living in the past or the future. I mean, I think most people do, really. And the moments when you're really present in your life can be pretty rare, really.

~David Sedaris

Maybe one day, I would write a story about arguing in public, and those would come in handy in some way.

~David Sedaris

I always knew I wanted it to be illustrated.

~David Sedaris

If I were president, I would turn the tables and allow the fetus to abort its mother.

~David Sedaris

Thank god I'm in England, because if I lived in any other country, it'd probably be the Philippines. Because with Rodrigo Duterte as the leader they couldn't really give me attitude on Donald Trump.

~David Sedaris

If finding an apartment is like falling in love, buying one is like proposing on your first date and agreeing not to see each other until the wedding.

~David Sedaris

A lot of people don't know what they want, you know, or they're just kind of vague about it.

~David Sedaris

I've wasted a lot of time pretending to be interested in people who weren't terribly interesting.

~David Sedaris

In the Netherlands now, I imagine it's legal to marry your own children. Get them pregnant, and you can abort your unborn grandbabies in a free clinic that used to be a church.

~David Sedaris

They're hungry for something they know nothing about, but we, we know all too well that the price of fame is the loss of privacy.

~David Sedaris

College is the best thing that can ever happen to you," my father used to say, and he was right, for it was there that I discovered drugs, drinking, and smoking.

~David Sedaris

I've always had a way with the little people, making it a point to humor them without looking down my nose at their wasted empty lives.

~David Sedaris

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