

# Erich Maria Remarque

## Quotes

*War, Men, Thinking, Believe, Years, World, Lying, Eye, Rain, Memories, Soldier, Littles, Giving, Secret, Real, Important, Hands, Want, Morning, Fall*

Life did not intend to make us perfect. Whoever is perfect belongs in a museum.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Strange how complicated we can make things just to avoid showing what we feel!

~Erich Maria Remarque

We have our dreams because without them we could not bear the truth.

~Erich Maria Remarque

It's only terrible to have nothing to wait for.

~Erich Maria Remarque

we have so much to say, and we shall never say it.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Never do anything complicated when something simple will serve as well. It's one of the most important secrets of living.

~Erich Maria Remarque

For a moment I had a strange intuition that just this, and in a real, profound sense, is life; and perhaps happiness even - love with a mixture of sadness, reverence, and silent knowledge.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Everyone saves someone at least once. Just as he kills someone at least once. Even though he may not know it.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Anything you can settle with money is cheap.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Life is a disease, brother, and death begins already at birth. Every breath, every heartbeat, is a moment of dying - a little shove toward the end.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Modesty and conscientiousness receive their reward only in novels. In life they are exploited and then shoved aside.

~Erich Maria Remarque

With blinded eyes I stared at the sky, this grey, endless sky of a crazy god, who had made life and death for his amusement.

~Erich Maria Remarque

To forget is the secret of eternal youth. One grows old only through memory. There's much too little forgetting.

~Erich Maria Remarque

No matter how improbable an assertion is, if it is made with enough assurance it has an affect.

~Erich Maria Remarque

The crowd, still shouting, gives way before us. We plough our way through. Women hold their aprons over their faces and go stumbling away. A roar of fury goes up. A wounded man is being carried off.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We were eighteen and had begun to love life and the world; and we had to shoot it to pieces.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Keep things at arm's length... If you let anything come too near you want to hold on to it. And there is nothing a man can hold on to.

~Erich Maria Remarque

... but that's what mankind is like: they only prize what they no longer possess.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We were all at once terribly alone; and alone we must see it through.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Someone said to me once that a cigarette at the right moment is better than all the ideals in the world.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Good or ill, life is life; you only realize that when you have to risk it.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Come let me kiss you. Life was never so precious as todayâ€™ when it meant so little.

~Erich Maria Remarque

They are more to me than life, these voices, they are more than motherliness and more than fear; they are the strongest, most comforting thing there is anywhere: they are the voices of my comrades.

~Erich Maria Remarque

I wandered through the streets thinking of all the things I might have said and might have done had I been other than I was.

~Erich Maria Remarque

No soldier outlives a thousand chances. But every soldier believes in Chance and trusts his luck.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Courage is the fairest adornment of youth.

~Erich Maria Remarque

The things men did or felt they had to do.

~Erich Maria Remarque

All Quiet on the Western Front.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Sometimes I used to think that one day i should wake up, and all that had been would be over. forgotten, sunk, drowned. Nothing was sure - not even memory.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Mirrors are there when we are and yet they never give anything back to us but our own image. Never, never shall we know what they are when they are alone or what is behind them.

~Erich Maria Remarque

I want to think and at the same time that's the last thing in the world I want to do.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We want to live at any price; so we cannot burden ourselves with feelings which, though they might be ornamental enough in peace-time, would be out of place here.

~Erich Maria Remarque

The war has ruined us for everything.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We march up, moody or good-tempered soldiers - we reach the zone where the front begins and become on the instant human animals.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We are forlorn like children, and experienced like old men, we are crude and sorrowful and superficialâ€”I believe we are lost.

~Erich Maria Remarque

I, too, am going to go away soon,' she says, 'I am weary and weary of my weariness. Everything is beginning to be a little empty and full of leave-taking and melancholy and waiting.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Give 'em all the same grub and all the same pay/And the war would be over and done in a day." - All Quiet On The Western Front, Ch. 3

~Erich Maria Remarque

I felt the first soft glow of intoxication that makes the blood warmer and spreads an illusion of adventure over uncertainty.

~Erich Maria Remarque

What comfort there is in the skin of someone you love!

~Erich Maria Remarque

Heaven Has No Favorites

~Erich Maria Remarque

To me the front is a mysterious whirlpool. Though I am in still water far away from its centre, I feel the whirl of the vortex sucking me slowly, irresistibly, inescapably into itself.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Our knowledge of life is limited to death

~Erich Maria Remarque

It was a melancholy secret that reality can arouse desires but never satisfy them.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Nothing is the mirror in which you see the world.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Our thoughts are clay, they are moulded with the changes of the days;--when we are resting they are good; under fire, they are dead. Fields of craters within and without.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Katczinsky says it is all to do with education - it softens the brain.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Sweet dreams though the guns are booming.

~Erich Maria Remarque

-Why does a man live? -In order to think about it.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Trenches, hospitals, the common grave--there are no other possibilities.

~Erich Maria Remarque

My rage outweighs my shame, as always happens when one is really ashamed and knows he ought to be.

~Erich Maria Remarque

The idea of authority, which they represented, was associated in our minds with a greater insight and a more humane wisdom.

~Erich Maria Remarque

A hospital alone shows what war is.

~Erich Maria Remarque

... clothes sometimes gave one more of a lift than any philosophic comforting.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Bombardment, barrage, curtain-fire, mines, gas, tanks, machine-guns, hand-grenades - words, words, but they hold the horror of the world.

~Erich Maria Remarque

For us lads of eighteen they ought to have been mediators and guides to the world of maturity, the world of work, of duty, of culture, of progress -- to the future.

~Erich Maria Remarque

We have lost all sense of other considerations, because they are artificial. Only the facts are real and important to us. And good boots are hard to come by." - All Quiet On The Western Front, Ch. 2

~Erich Maria Remarque

The coffin, it shall protect me, though Death himself lies in it

~Erich Maria Remarque

Suddenly I become filled with a consuming impatience to be gone.

~Erich Maria Remarque

You take it from me, we are losing the war because we can salute too well.

~Erich Maria Remarque

You may turn into an archangel, a fool, or a criminalâ€”no one will see it. But when a button is missingâ€”everyone sees that.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Through the years our business has been killing;-it was our first calling in life. Our knowledge of life is limited to death.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Yes, that's the way they think, these hundred thousand Kantoreks! Iron Youth! Youth! We are none of us more than twenty years old. But



young? That is long ago. We are old folk.

~Erich Maria Remarque

Every little bean must be heard as well as seen!

~Erich Maria Remarque

No soldier outlives a thousand chances.

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That is the remarkable thing about drinking: it brings people together so quickly, but between night and morning it sets an interval again of years.

~Erich Maria Remarque

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