

# Ernest Hemingway Quotes

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Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you quit, try.

~Ernest Hemingway

The most painful thing is losing yourself in the process of loving someone too much, and forgetting that you are special too.

~Ernest Hemingway

Critics are men who watch a battle from a high place then come down and shoot the survivors.

~Ernest Hemingway

Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry: Worry never fixes anything.

~Ernest Hemingway

Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know.

~Ernest Hemingway

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.

~Ernest Hemingway

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places.

~Ernest Hemingway

I drink to make other people more interesting.

~Ernest Hemingway

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

~Ernest Hemingway

I love you for all that you are, all that you have been, all that you're yet to be.

~Ernest Hemingway

Being against evil doesn't make you good.

~Ernest Hemingway

There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow men. True nobility lies in being superior to your former self.

~Ernest Hemingway

Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be.

~Ernest Hemingway

The echoes of beauty you've seen transpire, Resound through dying coals of a campfire.

~Ernest Hemingway

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

~Ernest Hemingway

The rain will stop, the night will end, the hurt will fade. Hope is never so lost that it can't be found.

~Ernest Hemingway

Courage is grace under pressure.

~Ernest Hemingway

Home is where the heart is, home is where the fart is. Come let us fart in the home. There is no art in a fart. Still a fart may not be artless. Let us fart and artless fart in the home.

~Ernest Hemingway

Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another.

~Ernest Hemingway

An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.

~Ernest Hemingway

Go all the way with it. Do not back off. For once, go all the goddamn way with what matters.

~Ernest Hemingway

You may talk. And I may listen. And miracles might happen.

~Ernest Hemingway

I was always a lonely person when I was with everyone.

~Ernest Hemingway

About morals, I know only that what is moral is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.

~Ernest Hemingway

There are only three sports: bullfighting, motor racing, and mountaineering; all the rest are merely games.

~Ernest Hemingway

If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast.

~Ernest Hemingway

There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.

~Ernest Hemingway

Never mistake motion for action.

~Ernest Hemingway

I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?

~Ernest Hemingway

Prose is architecture, not interior decoration, and the Baroque is over.

~Ernest Hemingway

Bullfighting is the only art in which the artist is in danger of death and in which the degree of brilliance in the performance is left to the fighter's honor.

~Ernest Hemingway

Auto racing, bull fighting, and mountain climbing are the only real sports... all the others are games.

~Ernest Hemingway

When you have shot one bird flying you have shot all birds flying. They are all different and they fly in different ways but the sensation is the same and the last one is as good as the first.

~Ernest Hemingway

America is the land of wide lawns and narrow minds.

~Ernest Hemingway

There is no rule on how to write. Sometimes it comes easily and perfectly; sometimes it's like drilling rock and then blasting it out with charges.

~Ernest Hemingway

we would be together and have our books and at night be warm in bed together with the windows open and the stars bright.

~Ernest Hemingway

How lazily the sun goes down in Granada, it hides beneath the water, it conceals in the Alhambra!

~Ernest Hemingway

To hell with them. Nothing hurts if you don't let it.

~Ernest Hemingway

Hesitation increases in relation to risk in equal proportion to age.

~Ernest Hemingway

You are so brave and quiet I forget you are suffering.

~Ernest Hemingway

Live the full life of the mind, exhilarated by new ideas, intoxicated by the Romance of the unusual.

~Ernest Hemingway

No animal has more liberty than the cat, but it buries the mess it makes. The cat is the best anarchist.

~Ernest Hemingway

Develop a built-in bullshit detector.

~Ernest Hemingway

Fascism is a lie told by bullies.

~Ernest Hemingway

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We're stronger in the places that we've been broken.

~Ernest Hemingway

It wasn't by accident that the Gettysburg address was so short. The laws of prose writing are as immutable as those of flight, of mathematics, of physics.

~Ernest Hemingway

When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.

~Ernest Hemingway

It is by riding a bicycle that you learn the contours of a country best, since you have to sweat up the hills and coast down them.

~Ernest Hemingway

I can't stand it to think my life is going so fast and I'm not really living it.

~Ernest Hemingway

The writer's job is to tell the truth.

~Ernest Hemingway

The things of the night cannot be explained in the day, because they do not then exist.

~Ernest Hemingway

Some people show evil as a great racehorse shows breeding. They have the dignity of a hard chancre.

~Ernest Hemingway

Abstract words such as glory, honor, courage, or hallow were obscene beside the concrete names of villages, the numbers of roads, the names of rivers, the numbers of regiments and the dates.

~Ernest Hemingway

Night life is when everybody says what the hell and you do not remember who paid the bill.

~Ernest Hemingway

If two people love each other there can be no happy end to it.

~Ernest Hemingway

There is no such thing as great writing - there is only great re-writing!

~Ernest Hemingway

Look at things and listen and feel.

~Ernest Hemingway

Night is always darker before the dawn and life is the same, the hard times will pass, every thing will get better and sun will shine brighter then ever.

~Ernest Hemingway

I'm not brave any more darling. I'm all broken. They've broken me.

~Ernest Hemingway

Show the readers everything, tell them nothing.

~Ernest Hemingway

All things truly wicked start from innocence.

~Ernest Hemingway

Nobody ever lives their life all the way up except bullfighters.

~Ernest Hemingway

Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with that there is

~Ernest Hemingway

Work every day. No matter what has happened the day or night before, get up and bite on the nail.

~Ernest Hemingway



Never go on trips with anyone you do not love.

~Ernest Hemingway

Never delay kissing a pretty girl or opening a bottle of whiskey

~Ernest Hemingway

All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know.

~Ernest Hemingway

Wine ... offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased.

~Ernest Hemingway

Got tight on absinthe last night. Did knife tricks.

~Ernest Hemingway

All thinking men are atheists.

~Ernest Hemingway

Eschew the monumental. Shun the Epic. All the guys who can paint great big pictures can paint great small ones.

~Ernest Hemingway

The only thing that can ruin a good day is people.

~Ernest Hemingway

We wait always for something that does not come.

~Ernest Hemingway

The only thing that could spoil a day was people. People were always the limiters of happiness except for the very few that were as good as spring itself.

~Ernest Hemingway

I loved you when I saw you today and I loved you always but I never saw you before.

~Ernest Hemingway

Never confuse movement with action.

~Ernest Hemingway

If the others heard me talking out loud they would think that I am crazy. But since I am not, I do not care.

~Ernest Hemingway

I rewrote the ending of 'Farewell to Arms' 39 times before I was satisfied.

~Ernest Hemingway

No one you love is ever truly lost.

~Ernest Hemingway

Intelligence is so damn rare and the people who have it often have such a bad time with it that they get bitter or propagandistic and then it's not much use.

~Ernest Hemingway

Religion is the opium of the poor.

~Ernest Hemingway

The first and final thing you have to do in this world is to last it and not be smashed by it.

~Ernest Hemingway

Everything about him was old except his eyes and they were the same color as the sea and were cheerful and undefeated.

~Ernest Hemingway

You must be prepared to work always without applause.

~Ernest Hemingway

No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader.

~Ernest Hemingway

The game of golf would lose a great deal if croquet mallets and billiard cues were allowed on the putting green.

~Ernest Hemingway

All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn.

~Ernest Hemingway

My aim is to put down on paper what I see and what I feel in the best and simplest way.

~Ernest Hemingway

You ought to dream. All our biggest businessmen have been dreamers.

~Ernest Hemingway

The first draft of anything is sh\*t.

~Ernest Hemingway

That every day should be a fiesta seemed to me a wonderful discovery.

~Ernest Hemingway

Write drunk; edit sober.

~Ernest Hemingway

The sea is the same as it has been since before men ever went on it in boats.

~Ernest Hemingway

When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest.

~Ernest Hemingway

Remember everything is right until it's wrong. You'll know when it's wrong.

~Ernest Hemingway

In order to write about life first you must live it.

~Ernest Hemingway

Personal columnists are jackals and no jackal has been known to live on grass once he had learned about meat - no matter who killed the meat for him.

~Ernest Hemingway

A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.

~Ernest Hemingway

We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.

~Ernest Hemingway

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