

Fran Lebowitz

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Think before you speak. Read before you think.

~Fran Lebowitz

In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra.

~Fran Lebowitz

My favorite animal is steak.

~Fran Lebowitz

The conversational overachiever is someone whose grasp exceeds his reach. This is possible but not attractive.

~Fran Lebowitz

A hobby is, of course, an abomination, as are all consuming interests and passions that do not lead directly to large, personal gain.

~Fran Lebowitz

As a teenager you are at the last stage in your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you.

~Fran Lebowitz

Children are the most desirable opponents at scrabble as they are both easy to beat and fun to cheat.

~Fran Lebowitz

There are two modes of transport in Los Angeles: car and ambulance. Visitors who wish to remain inconspicuous are advised to choose the latter

~Fran Lebowitz

I've done the calculation and your chances of winning the lottery are identical whether you play or not.

~Fran Lebowitz

Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.

~Fran Lebowitz

Original thought is like original sin: both happened before you were born to people you could not have possibly met.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you removed all of the homosexuals and homosexual influence from what is generally regarded as American culture, you would pretty much be left with Let's Make a Deal.

~Fran Lebowitz

I never met anyone who didn't have a very smart child. What happens to these children, you wonder, when they reach adulthood?

~Fran Lebowitz

London: A place you go to get bronchitis.

~Fran Lebowitz

A salad is not a meal, it is a style.

~Fran Lebowitz

Your life story would not make a good book. Don't even try.

~Fran Lebowitz

The opposite of talking isn't listening. The opposite of talking is waiting.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater suggest that he wear a tail.

~Fran Lebowitz

You can be nasty when you are young, but you really have to be older to achieve bitterness.

~Fran Lebowitz

Contrary to popular opinion, the hustle is not a new dance step - it is an old business procedure.

~Fran Lebowitz

You sit or stand in the subway, and you look around - I do, because I don't have a phone so I'm not playing a game - and you see people.

~Fran Lebowitz

Food is an important part of a balanced diet.

~Fran Lebowitz

I wouldn't say that I dislike the young. I'm simply not a fan of naïveté.

~Fran Lebowitz

In the Soviet Union, capitalism triumphed over communism. In this country, capitalism triumphed over democracy.

~Fran Lebowitz

The downfall of most diets is that they restrict your intake of food.

~Fran Lebowitz

Nature is by and large to be found out of doors, a location where, it cannot be argued, there are never enough comfortable chairs.

~Fran Lebowitz

Being offended is a natural consequence of leaving the house.

~Fran Lebowitz

I believe in talking behind peoples' backs. That way, they hear it more than once.

~Fran Lebowitz

Even when freshly washed and relieved of all obvious confections, children tend to be sticky.

~Fran Lebowitz

There is no such thing as inner peace. There is only nervousness or death. Any attempt to prove otherwise constitutes unacceptable behavior.

~Fran Lebowitz

You're only as good as your last haircut.

~Fran Lebowitz

Tolerance is really a better thing than understanding. Because it doesn't agitate against human nature.

~Fran Lebowitz

Having been unpopular in high school is not just cause for book publications.

~Fran Lebowitz

I doubt there's ever been a true thing said on Fox. Maybe the weather report, maybe not.

~Fran Lebowitz

No one earns \$100 million. You steal \$100 million.

~Fran Lebowitz

No animal should ever jump up on the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.

~Fran Lebowitz

I never took hallucinogenic drugs because I never wanted my consciousness expanded one unnecessary iota.

~Fran Lebowitz

The telephone is a good way to talk to people without having to offer them a drink.

~Fran Lebowitz

Radio news is bearable. This is due to the fact that while the news is being broadcast, the disk jockey is not allowed to talk.

~Fran Lebowitz

Calling a taxi in Texas is like calling a rabbi in Iraq.

~Fran Lebowitz

Vegetables are interesting but lack a sense of purpose when unaccompanied by a good cut of meat.

~Fran Lebowitz

Polite conversation is rarely either.

~Fran Lebowitz

If people don't want to listen to you, what makes you think they want to hear from your sweater?

~Fran Lebowitz

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.

~Fran Lebowitz

I'm not interested in being a wife. I'm interested in being an empress.

~Fran Lebowitz

Inhabitants of underdeveloped nations and victims of natural disasters are the only people who have ever been happy to see soybeans.

~Fran Lebowitz

My dream writing room would be the Imperial Library in Vienna.

~Fran Lebowitz

I do not believe in God. I believe in cashmere.

~Fran Lebowitz

Donald Trump is not my fault. You can blame certain things on me, but not Donald Trump.

~Fran Lebowitz

Abandon the search for Truth; settle for a good fantasy

~Fran Lebowitz

Humility is no substitute for a good personality.

~Fran Lebowitz

Telling someone he looks healthy isn't a compliment -- it's a second opinion.

~Fran Lebowitz

Violet will be a good color for hair at just about the same time that brunette becomes a good color for flowers.

~Fran Lebowitz

When you leave New York, you are astonished at how clean the rest of the world is. Clean is not enough.

~Fran Lebowitz

Designer clothes worn by children are like snowsuits worn by adults. Few can carry it off successfully.

~Fran Lebowitz

I must take issue with the term 'a mere child,' for it has been my invariable experience that the company of a mere child is infinitely preferable to that of a mere adult.

~Fran Lebowitz

People elect the President for reasons that have nothing to do with his ability to be president.

~Fran Lebowitz

Generally speaking, the poorer person summers where he winters.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you are of the opinion that the contemplation of suicide is sufficient evidence of a poetic nature, do not forget that actions speak louder than words.

~Fran Lebowitz

The best fame is a writer's fame. It's enough to get a table at a good restaurant, but not enough to get you interrupted when you eat.

~Fran Lebowitz

Being a woman is of special interest only to aspiring male transsexuals. To actual women, it is simply a good excuse not to play football.

~Fran Lebowitz

Why not have your first baby at sixty, when your husband is already dead and your career is over? Then you can really devote yourself to it.

~Fran Lebowitz

Middle class was defined by having certain values and only a certain amount of money. But this new middle class seems to have absolutely no values and an unlimited amount of money.

~Fran Lebowitz

Breakfast cereals that come in the same colors as polyester leisure suits make oversleeping a virtue.

~Fran Lebowitz

Life is so absurd now that it is almost impossible to be a satirist in this era.

~Fran Lebowitz

The only appropriate response to the question, 'Can I be frank?' is, 'Yes, if I can be Barbara.'

~Fran Lebowitz

Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine.

~Fran Lebowitz

Andy Warhol made fame more famous.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you're going to America, bring your own food.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you feel the urge to write, just lie down and read a book: it will pass.

~Fran Lebowitz

How do you know if your child is a writer? Your obstetrician holds his stethoscope to your abdomen and only hears excuses.

~Fran Lebowitz

Albert Einstein didn't care where he lived. Albert Einstein was a genius. Albert Einstein wasn't getting lost in the master bedroom, he was lost in thought.

~Fran Lebowitz

To put it rather bluntly, I am not the type who wants to go back to the land; I am the type who wants to go back to the hotel.

~Fran Lebowitz

Rome is a very loony city in every respect. One needs but spend an hour or two there to realize that Fellini makes documentaries.

~Fran Lebowitz

What's the point of being young if you're not going to make new things, I wonder?

~Fran Lebowitz

Never relinquish clothing to a hotel valet without first specifically telling him that you want it back.

~Fran Lebowitz

Do not, on a rainy day, ask your child what he feels like doing, because I assure you that what he feels like doing, you won't feel like watching.

~Fran Lebowitz

Romantic love is mental illness. But it's a pleasurable one. It's a drug. It distorts reality, and that's the point of it. It would be impossible to fall in love with someone that you really saw.

~Fran Lebowitz

China is not a great idea: capitalism and a dictator. It's like the two worst possible things you could imagine together. It's a very bad idea.

~Fran Lebowitz

Success didn't spoil me, I've always been insufferable.

~Fran Lebowitz

I drank my lifetime supply of alcohol and I took my lifetime supply of drugs between the ages of 15 and 19.

~Fran Lebowitz

I hate writing. I will do anything to avoid it. The only way I could write less was if I was dead.

~Fran Lebowitz

I, unfortunately, take the subway a lot. It's not my preference, but it is my lot in life.

~Fran Lebowitz

When I'm supposed to be writing I clean my apartment, take my clothes to the laundry, get organized, make lists, do the dishes. I would never do a dish unless I had to write.

~Fran Lebowitz

All God's children are not beautiful. Most of God's children are, in fact, barely presentable.

~Fran Lebowitz

What starts love is your ability to stupefy and blind yourself to the point of being able to fall in love. What stops it is waking up.

~Fran Lebowitz

Ever since I was a little child, I refused to see movies or books that I loved. Because you already know what Heidi looks like and she doesn't look like Shirley Temple.

~Fran Lebowitz

If you read a lot, nothing is as great as you've imagined. Venice is - Venice is better.

~Fran Lebowitz

Now the culture is made of old things, it's a collage. Art made out of art is not art. You're supposed to make art out of life.

~Fran Lebowitz

Marriage entitles women to the protection of a strong man who will steady the stepladder while they paint the kitchen ceiling.

~Fran Lebowitz

Any artist who has that quality of timelessness has that quality because they tell the truth.

~Fran Lebowitz

White grapes are very attractive but when it comes to dessert people generally like cake with icing.

~Fran Lebowitz

All the time I'm not writing I feel like a criminal. It's horrible to feel felonious every second of the day. It's much more relaxing to actually write.

~Fran Lebowitz

You can't go around hoping that most people have sterling moral characters. The most you can hope for is that people will pretend that they do.

~Fran Lebowitz

Civilised adults do not take apple juice with dinner.

~Fran Lebowitz

Everything in Japan is hidden. Real life has an unlisted phone number.

~Fran Lebowitz

those who use the word 'lifestyle' are rarely in possession of either.

~Fran Lebowitz

I love sleep because it is both pleasant and safe to use.

~Fran Lebowitz

If your sexual fantasies were truly of interest to others, they would no longer be fantasies.

~Fran Lebowitz

The first people who died of AIDS were artists. They were the most interesting people.

~Fran Lebowitz

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