

Fred Allen Quotes

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Treat employees like partners, and they act like partners.

~Fred Allen

Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for stars.

~Fred Allen

What's on your mind, if you will allow the overstatement.

~Fred Allen

I learned law so well, the day I graduated I sued the college, won the case, and got my tuition back.

~Fred Allen

Ed Sullivan will be around as long as someone else has talent.

~Fred Allen

A celebrity is a person who works hard all of their life to become well known, and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.

~Fred Allen

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

~Fred Allen

The first time I sang in the church choir; two hundred people changed their religion.

~Fred Allen

Cocktail party: A gathering held to enable forty people to talk about themselves at the same time. The man who remains after the liquor is gone is the host.

~Fred Allen

He writes so well he makes me feel like putting my quill back in my goose.

~Fred Allen

Television is a triumph of equipment over people, and the minds that control it are so small that you could put them in a gnat's navel with room left over for two caraway seeds and an agent's heart.

~Fred Allen

Some movie stars wear their sunglasses even in church. They're afraid God might recognize them and ask for autographs.

~Fred Allen

A committee is a group of the unprepared, appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary.

~Fred Allen

You can take all the sincerity in Hollywood, place it in the navel of a fruit fly and still have room enough for three caraway seeds and a producer's heart.

~Fred Allen

An advertising agency is 85 percent confusion and 15 percent commission.

~Fred Allen

The world is a grindstone and life is your nose

~Fred Allen

It is bad to suppress laughter. It goes back down and spreads to your hips.

~Fred Allen

Most of us spend the first six days of each week sowing wild oats; then

we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.

~Fred Allen

I can't understand why a person will take a year to write a novel when he can easily buy one for a few dollars.

~Fred Allen

I don't want to own anything that won't fit into my coffin.

~Fred Allen

On ships they call them barnacles; in business they attach themselves to desks and are called vice presidents.

~Fred Allen

California is a fine place to live - if you happen to be an orange.

~Fred Allen

I don't have to look up my family tree, because I know that I'm the sap.

~Fred Allen

My hometown was so dull that one time the tide went out and never came back.

~Fred Allen

All I know about humor is that I don't know anything about it.

~Fred Allen

If criticism had any power to harm, the skunk would be extinct by now.

~Fred Allen

Condensed milk is wonderful. I don't see how they can get a cow to sit down on those little cans.

~Fred Allen

If the grass is greener in the other fellow's yard- let him worry about cutting it.

~Fred Allen

An associate producer is the only guy in Hollywood who will associate with a producer.

~Fred Allen

I play a musical instrument a little, but only for my own amazement.

~Fred Allen

Washington is no place for a good actor. The competition from bad actors is too great.

~Fred Allen

An income tax form is like a laundry list - either way you lose your shirt.

~Fred Allen

A psychiatrist is the next man you start talking to after you start talking to yourself.

~Fred Allen

During the Samuel Johnson days they had big men enjoying small talk; today we have small men enjoying big talk.

~Fred Allen

A gentleman is any man who wouldn't hit a woman with his hat on.

~Fred Allen

A human being is nothing but a story with skin around it.

~Fred Allen

Television is a device that permits people who haven't anything to do to watch people who can't do anything.

~Fred Allen

The vice-president of an advertising agency is a bit of executive fungus that forms on a desk that has been exposed to conference.

~Fred Allen

Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.

~Fred Allen

Her hat is a creation that will never go out of style; it will just look ridiculous year after year.

~Fred Allen

Everything is for the eye these days - TV, Life, Look, the movies. Nothing is just for the mind. The next generation will have eyeballs as big as cantaloupes and no brain at all.

~Fred Allen

After quitting radio I was able to live on the money I saved on aspirins.

~Fred Allen

If I could get my membership fee back, I'd resign from the human race.

~Fred Allen

The first thing that strikes a visitor to Paris is a taxi.

~Fred Allen

Radio is called a medium because it is rare that anything is well done.

~Fred Allen

My father never raised his hand to any one of his children, except in self-defense.

~Fred Allen

English coffee tastes like water that has been squeezed out of a wet sleeve.

~Fred Allen

Television is a medium because anything well done is rare.

~Fred Allen

He's so small, he's a waste of skin.

~Fred Allen

All that the comedian has to show for his years of work and aggravation is the echo of forgotten laughter.

~Fred Allen

Television is the triumph of machine over people.

~Fred Allen

There are two kinds of jokes - funny jokes and Jack Benny jokes.

~Fred Allen

He was so narrow minded that if he fell on a pin it would blind him in both eyes.

~Fred Allen

The advertising world had space men in it before spacemen existed.

~Fred Allen

Imitation is the sincerest form of television.

~Fred Allen

Life, in my estimation, is a biological misadventure that we terminate on the shoulders of six strange men whose only objective is to make a hole in one with you.

~Fred Allen

Success is like dealing with your kid or teaching your wife to drive. Sooner or later you'll end up in the police station.

~Fred Allen

An actor's popularity is fleeting. His success has the life expectancy of a small boy who is about to look into a gas tank with a lighted match.

~Fred Allen

I have just returned from Boston. It is the only thing to do if you find yourself up there.

~Fred Allen

Radio is a bag of mediocrity where little men with carbon minds wallow in sluce of their own making.

~Fred Allen

He dreamed he was eating shredded wheat and woke up to find the mattress half gone.

~Fred Allen

The last time I saw him he was walking down lover's lane holding his own hand.

~Fred Allen

A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing, but who, as a group, can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

~Fred Allen

Television is a triumph of equipment over people.

~Fred Allen

My uncle is a Southern planter. He's an undertaker in Alabama.

~Fred Allen

In show business, more showgirls are kept than promises.

~Fred Allen

With the advance of refrigeration, I hope that along with the frozen foods someday we will have frozen conversation. A person will be able to keep a frozen promise indefinitely.

~Fred Allen

My agent gets 10 percent of everything I get, except the blinding headaches.

~Fred Allen

Everywhere outside New York City is Bridgeport, Connecticut.

~Fred Allen

Hollywood is a great place if you're an orange.

~Fred Allen

Three million frogs' legs are served in Paris - daily. Nobody knows what became of the rest of the frogs.

~Fred Allen

A comedian who starts talking to himself becomes his own audience. This is fatal.

~Fred Allen

A telescope will magnify a star a thousand times, but a good press agent can do even better.

~Fred Allen

I'm going to Boston to see my doctor. He's a very sick man.

~Fred Allen

She used to be a teacher but she has no class now.

~Fred Allen

It was once rumored that fledgling executives walked around their offices backwards so they wouldn't have to face an issue.

~Fred Allen

To a newspaperman, a human being is an item with skin wrapped around it.

~Fred Allen

Hush, little bright line, don't you cry You'll be a cliché by and by.

~Fred Allen

The American arrives in Paris with a few French phrases he has culled from a conversational guide or picked up from a friend who owns a beret.

~Fred Allen

I always have trouble remembering three things: faces, names, and - I can't remember what the third thing is.

~Fred Allen

The average vice-president is a form of executive fungus that attaches itself to a desk. On a boat this growth would be called a barnacle.

~Fred Allen

He always had a chip on his shoulder that he was ready to use to kindle an argument.

~Fred Allen

When Jack Benny plays the violin, it sounds as though the strings are still in the cat.

~Fred Allen

I'd rather have two girls at seventeen than one at thirty-four.

~Fred Allen

Father Time is the make-up man responsible for the physical changes that determine the parts the average actor is to play.

~Fred Allen

He has no idea what it was like to grow up in the South, where you had to hold your head down.

~Fred Allen

The S.S. Sierra was a ten-thousand-ton vessel. Today, lifeboats bigger than the Sierra are found on the Queen Mary and other luxury liners.

~Fred Allen

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