

# George Eliot Quotes

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Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms.

~George Eliot

Don't judge a book by its cover

~George Eliot

A man's a man. But when you see a king, you see the work of many thousand men.

~George Eliot

Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love.

~George Eliot

The beginning of compunction is the beginning of a new life.

~George Eliot

The rich ate and drank freely, accepting gout and apoplexy as things that ran mysteriously in respectable families.

~George Eliot

Plainness has its peculiar temptations and vices quite as much as beauty.

~George Eliot

Don't you meddle with me, and I won't meddle with you.

~George Eliot

What makes life dreary is the want of a motive.

~George Eliot

Would not love see returning penitence afar off, and fall on its neck and kiss it?

~George Eliot

No story is the same to us after a lapse of time; or rather we who read it are no longer the same interpreters.

~George Eliot

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.

~George Eliot

The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down.

~George Eliot

Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them.

~George Eliot

An ass may bray a good while before he shakes the stars down.

~George Eliot

Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles.

~George Eliot

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined - to strengthen each other - to be at one with each other in silent unspeakable memories.

~George Eliot

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it.

~George Eliot

Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music.

~George Eliot

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

~George Eliot

I like not only to be loved, but also to be told I am loved.

~George Eliot

What do we live for, if not to make life less difficult for each other?

~George Eliot

It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them.

~George Eliot

Adventure is not outside man; it is within.

~George Eliot

The strongest principle of growth lies in the human choice.

~George Eliot

You should read history and look at ostracism, persecution, martyrdom, and that kind of thing. They always happen to the best men, you know.

~George Eliot

A patronizing disposition always has its meaner side.

~George Eliot

No matter whether failure came A thousand different times, For one brief moment of success, Life rang its golden chimes.

~George Eliot

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.

~George Eliot

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.

~George Eliot

These gems have life in them: their colors speak, say what words fail of.

~George Eliot

Friendship is the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words.

~George Eliot

Nothing at times is more expressive than silence.

~George Eliot

It is a narrow mind which cannot look at a subject from various points of view.

~George Eliot

We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it.

~George Eliot

No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence.

~George Eliot

The beginning of an acquaintance whether with persons or things is to get a definite outline of our ignorance.

~George Eliot

A blush is no language; only a dubious flag - signal which may mean either of two contradictories

~George Eliot

A woman's hopes are woven of sunbeams; a shadow annihilates them.

~George Eliot

But what we call our despair is often only the painful eagerness of unfed hope.

~George Eliot

It will never rain roses: when we want to have more roses we must plant more trees.

~George Eliot

"Heaven help us," said the old religion; the new one, from its very lack of that faith, will teach us all the more to help one another.

~George Eliot

Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning; but give me the man who has the pluck to fight when he's sure of losing.

~George Eliot

There is a great deal of unmapped country within us.

~George Eliot

Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face.

~George Eliot

The world is full of hopeful analogies and handsome, dubious eggs, called possibilities.

~George Eliot

I think I dislike what I don't like more than I like what I like.

~George Eliot

I have the conviction that excessive literary production is a social offence.

~George Eliot

History repeats itself.

~George Eliot

My own experience and development deepen every day my conviction that our moral progress may be measured by the degree in which we sympathize with individual suffering and individual joy.

~George Eliot

And, of course men know best about everything, except what women know better.

~George Eliot

One has to spend many years in learning how to be happy.

~George Eliot

One must be poor to know the luxury of giving!

~George Eliot

Impatient people, according to Bacon, are like the bees, and kill themselves in stinging others.

~George Eliot

No evil dooms us hopelessly except the evil we love, and desire to continue in, and make no effort to escape from.

~George Eliot

And certainly, the mistakes that we male and female mortals make when we have our own way might fairly raise some wonder that we are so fond of it.

~George Eliot

Of new acquaintances one can never be sure because one likes them one day that it will be so the next. Of old friends one is sure that it will be the same yesterday, today, and forever.

~George Eliot

The right to rebellion is the right to seek a higher rule, and not to wander in mere lawlessness.

~George Eliot

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.

~George Eliot

Our impartiality is kept for abstract merit and demerit, which none of us ever saw.

~George Eliot

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.

~George Eliot

Ignorant kindness may have the effect of cruelty; but to be angry with it as if it were direct cruelty would be an ignorant unkindness.

~George Eliot

How will you find good? It is not a thing of choice; it is a river that flows from the foot of the Invisible Throne and flows by the path of obedience.

~George Eliot

A woman's heart must be of such a size and no larger, else it must be pressed small, like Chinese feet; her happiness is to be made as cakes are, by a fixed recipe.

~George Eliot

There is only one failure in life possible, and that is not to be true to the best one knows.

~George Eliot



It is a wonderful subduer, this need of love-this hunger of the heart-as peremptory as that other hunger by which Nature forces us to submit to the yoke, and change the face of the world.

~George Eliot

Iteration, like friction, is likely to generate heat instead of progress.

~George Eliot

No man can be wise on an empty stomach.

~George Eliot

But that intimacy of mutual embarrassment, in which each feels that the other is feeling something, having once existed, its effect is not to be done away with.

~George Eliot

Hobbies are apt to run away with us, you know; it doesn't do to be run away with. We must keep the reins.

~George Eliot

It is good to be helpful and kindly, but don't give yourself to be melted into candle grease for the benefit of the tallow trade.

~George Eliot

We long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults. Heaven has accorded this to us in the uncritical canine attachment.

~George Eliot

But human experience is usually paradoxical, that means incongruous with the phrases of current talk or even current philosophy.

~George Eliot

We must find our duties in what comes to us, not in what might have been.

~George Eliot

I like not only to be loved, but to be told that I am loved; the realm of silence is large enough beyond the grave.

~George Eliot

It is always good to know, if only in passing, charming human beings. It refreshes one like flowers and woods and clear brooks.

~George Eliot

Every limit is a beginning as well as an ending.

~George Eliot

You may try to be a man but you can never imagine what it is to have a man's force of genius in you, and yet to suffer the slavery of being a girl.

~George Eliot

It is never too late to become the person you always thought you could be.

~George Eliot

There is a chill air surrounding those who are down in the world, and people are glad to get away from them, as from a cold room.

~George Eliot

Justice is like the kingdom of God--it is not without us as a fact, it is within us as a great yearning.

~George Eliot

Whether happiness may come or not, one should try and prepare one's self to do without it.

~George Eliot

When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness

that we repent of, but our severity.

~George Eliot

One can say everything best over a meal.

~George Eliot

Can any man or woman choose duties? No more than they can choose their birthplace or their father and mother.

~George Eliot

There are many victories worse than a defeat.

~George Eliot

Hold up your head! You were not made for failure, you were made for victory. Go forward with a joyful confidence.

~George Eliot

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.

~George Eliot

Eros has degenerated; he began by introducing order and harmony, and now he brings back chaos.

~George Eliot

Vague memories hang about the mind like cobwebs.

~George Eliot

There is no killing the suspicion that deceit has once begotten.

~George Eliot

I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons

for bachelors to go out.

~George Eliot

What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?

~George Eliot

Consequences are unpitying.

~George Eliot

Our deeds still travel with us from afar, and what we have been makes us what we are.

~George Eliot

How lovely the little river is, with its dark changing wavelets! It seems to me like a living companion while I wander along the bank, and listen to its low, placid voice.

~George Eliot

That farewell kiss which resembles greeting, that last glance of love which becomes the sharpest pang of sorrow.

~George Eliot

Your trouble's easy borne when everybody gives it a lift for you.

~George Eliot

It's never too late to be who you were meant to be.

~George Eliot

To manage men one ought to have a sharp mind in a velvet sheath.

~George Eliot

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