

George Gissing Quotes

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Time is money says the proverb, but turn it around and you get a precious truth. Money is time.

~George Gissing

For the man sound of body and serene of mind there is no such thing as bad weather; every day has its beauty, and storms which whip the blood do but make it pulse more vigorously.

~George Gissing

That is one of the bitter curses of poverty; it leaves no right to be generous.

~George Gissing

For one thing, I know every book of mine by its scent.

~George Gissing

I hate with a bitter hatred the names of lentils haricots - those pretentious cheats of the appetite, those tabulated humbugs, those certified aridites calling themselves human food!

~George Gissing

The mind which renounces, once and for ever, a futile hope, has its compensation in ever-growing calm.

~George Gissing

Life is a huge farce, and the advantage of possessing a sense of humour is that it enables one to defy fate with mocking laughter.

~George Gissing

Money is made at Christmas out of holly and mistletoe, but who save the vendors would greatly care if no green branch were procurable?

~George Gissing

I know every book of mine by its smell, and I have but to put my nose

between the pages to be reminded of all sorts of things.

~George Gissing

Money is time. With money I buy for cheerful use the hours which otherwise would not in any sense be mine; nay, which would make me their miserable bondsman.

~George Gissing

People have got that ancient prejudice so firmly rooted in their heads that one mustn't write save at the dictation of the Holy Spirit. I tell you, writing is a business.

~George Gissing

Perhaps it is while drinking tea that I most of all enjoy the sense of leisure.

~George Gissing

It is because nations tend towards stupidity and baseness that mankind moves so slowly; it is because individuals have a capacity for better things that it moves at all.

~George Gissing

Parks are but pavement disguised with a growth of grass.

~George Gissing

Flippancy, the most hopeless form of intellectual vice.

~George Gissing

Persistent prophecy is a familiar way of assuring the event.

~George Gissing

The truths of life are not discovered by us. At moments unforeseen, some gracious influence descends upon the soul, touching it to an emotion which, we know not how, the mind transmutes into thought.

~George Gissing

Life, I fancy, would very often be insupportable, but for the luxury of self compassion.

~George Gissing

A pipe for the hour of work; a cigarette for the hour of conception; a cigar for the hour of vacuity.

~George Gissing

Literature nowadays is a trade... the successful man of letters is your skilful tradesman. He thinks first and foremost of the markets.

~George Gissing

No, no; women, old or young, should never have to think about money.

~George Gissing

London is a huge shop, with a hotel on the upper storeys.

~George Gissing

It is familiarity with life that makes time speed quickly. When every day is a step in the unknown, as for children, the days are long with gathering of experience . . .

~George Gissing

To every man it is decreed: Thou shalt live alone. Happy they who imagine that they have escaped the common lot; happy, whilst they imagine it.

~George Gissing

Have the courage of your desire.

~George Gissing

I have the happiness of a passing moment, and what more can mortal

ask?

~George Gissing

It is our duty never to speak ill of others, you know; least of all when we know that to do so will be the cause of much pain and trouble.

~George Gissing

To be at other people's orders brings out all the bad in me.

~George Gissing

Human creatures have a mervellous power of adapting themselves to necessity.

~George Gissing

To like Keats is a test of fitness for understanding poetry, just as to like Shakespeare is a test of general mental capacity.

~George Gissing

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