

# George Meredith

## Quotes

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The season of love is the carnival of egoism and it brings a touchstone to our natures.

~George Meredith

Earth knows no desolation. She smells regeneration in the moist breath of decay.

~George Meredith

A witty woman is a treasure; a witty beauty is a power.

~George Meredith

There is nothing the body suffers which the soul may not profit by.

~George Meredith

Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.

~George Meredith

Caricature is rough truth.

~George Meredith

Lowly, with a broken neck, The crocus lays her cheek to mire.

~George Meredith

Lovely are the curves of the white owl sweeping Wavy in the dusk lit by one large star. Lone on the fir-branch, his rattle-note unvaried, Brooding o'er the gloom, spins the brown eve-jar.

~George Meredith

We are betrayed by what is false within

~George Meredith

Perfect simplicity is unconsciously audacious.

~George Meredith

The debts we owe ourselves are the hardest to pay.

~George Meredith

I expect Woman will be the last thing civilized by Man.

~George Meredith

Speech is the small change of silence.

~George Meredith

Cynicism is intellectual dandyism.

~George Meredith

Kissing don't last: cookery do!

~George Meredith

Published memoirs indicate the end of a man's activity, and that he acknowledges the end.

~George Meredith

Swift doth young Love flee, And we stand wakened, shivering from our dream.

~George Meredith

Not till the fire is dying in the grate, Look we for any kinship with the stars.

~George Meredith

The most dire disaster in love is the death of imagination.

~George Meredith

Always imitate the behaviour of the winners when you lose.

~George Meredith

Full lasting is the song, though he, / The singer, passes.

~George Meredith

What a dusty answer gets the soul  
When hot for certainties in this our  
life!

~George Meredith

Sentimentalists are they who seek to enjoy without incurring the  
Immense Debtorship for a thing done.

~George Meredith

Jealousy is love bed of burning snarl.

~George Meredith

She poured a little social sewage into his ears.

~George Meredith

God's rarest blessing is, after all, a good woman!

~George Meredith

And if I drink oblivion of a day, / So shorten I the stature of my soul.

~George Meredith

See ye not, Courtesy is the true Alchemy, turning to gold all it touches  
and tries?

~George Meredith

That rarest gift to Beauty, Common Sense!

~George Meredith

A kiss is but a kiss now! and no wave of a great flood that whirls me to  
the sea. But, as you will! we'll sit contentedly, and eat our pot of honey  
on the grave.

~George Meredith

Much benevolence of the passive order may be traced to a disinclination to inflict pain upon oneself.

~George Meredith

The man of science is nothing if not a poet gone wrong.

~George Meredith

Possession without obligation to the object possessed approaches felicity.

~George Meredith

As we to the brutes, poets are to us.

~George Meredith

In tragic life, God wot, No villain need be! Passions spin the plot: We are betrayed by what is false within.

~George Meredith

Heiresses are never jilted.

~George Meredith

The stench of the trail of Ego in our History. It is ego - ego, the fountain cry, origin, sole source of war.

~George Meredith

A human act once set in motion flows on forever to the great account. Our deathlessness is in what we do, not in what we are.

~George Meredith

She whom I love is hard to catch and conquer, Hard, but O the glory of the winning were she won!

~George Meredith

The man or country that fights priestcraft and priests is to my mind

striking deeper for freedom than can be struck anywhere.

~George Meredith

The sun is coming down to earth, and the fields and the waters shout to him golden shouts.

~George Meredith

What a woman thinks of women is the test of her nature.

~George Meredith

Cultivated men and women who do not skim the cream of life, and are attached to the duties, yet escape the harsher blows, make acute and balanced observers.

~George Meredith

It is the devil's masterstroke to get us to accuse him

~George Meredith

Poetry is talking on tiptoe.

~George Meredith

When I was quite a boy I had a spasm of religion which lasted six weeks... But I never since have swallowed the Christian fable.

~George Meredith

We never know what's in us till we stand by ourselves.

~George Meredith

Observation is the most enduring of the pleasures of life.

~George Meredith

My religion of life is always to be cheerful.

~George Meredith

The man who has no mind of his own lends it to the priests.

~George Meredith

Woman's reason is in the milk of her breasts.

~George Meredith

The well of true wit is truth itself.

~George Meredith

Prepare, You lovers, to know Love a thing of moods: Not like hard life,  
of laws.

~George Meredith

I know him, February's thrush, And loud at eve he valentines  
On sprays that paw the naked bush Where soon will sprout the thorns and bines.

~George Meredith

Friendship, I fancy, means one heart between two.

~George Meredith

The future not being born, my friend, we will abstain from baptizing it.

~George Meredith

I've studied men from my topsy-turvy Close, and I reckon, rather true.  
Some are fine fellows: some, right scurvy; Most, a dash between the  
two.

~George Meredith

George Eliot has the heart of Sappho; but the face, with the long  
proboscis, the protruding teeth of the Apocalyptic horse, betrayed  
animality.

~George Meredith

The song seraphically free Of taint of personality, So pure that it salutes

the suns The voice of one for millions, In whom the millions rejoice For giving their one spirit voice.

~George Meredith

How many a thing which we cast to the ground, When others pick it up, becomes a gem!

~George Meredith

O have a care of natures that are mute!

~George Meredith

Around the ancient track marched, rank on rank, The army of unalterable law.

~George Meredith

A woman who is not quite a fool will forgive your being but a man, if you are surely that. . .

~George Meredith

For singing till his heaven fills, 'Tis love of earth that he instills, And ever winging up and up, Our valley is his golden cup, And he the wine which over flows To lift us with him as he goes.

~George Meredith

But O the truth, the truth. The many eyes That look on it The diverse things they see.

~George Meredith

A house with a great wine stored below lives in our imagination as a joyful house, fast and splendidly rooted in the soil.

~George Meredith

Faith works miracles. At least it allows time for them.

~George Meredith

Behold the life at ease; it drifts, The sharpened life commands its course.

~George Meredith

Memoirs are the backstairs of history.

~George Meredith

We know the degree of refinement in people by the matter they laugh at and the ring of the laugh.

~George Meredith

Prayer for worldly goods is worse than fruitless, but prayer for strength of soul is that passion of the soul which catches the gift it seeks.

~George Meredith

Could I find a place to be alone with heaven, I would speak my heart out heaven is my need.

~George Meredith

Earth, the mother of all, Moves on her stedfast way, Gathering, flinging, sowing. Mortals, we live in her day, She in her children is growing.

~George Meredith

Chance works for us when we are good captains.

~George Meredith

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