

Georgette Heyer Quotes

*Thinking, Girl, Eye, Men, May, Wish, Hands, Mama, Love You, Doe, Missing,
Gentleman, Stupid, Fate, Giving, Wife, Said, Long, Believe, Might*

As soon as one promises not to do something, it becomes the one thing above all others that one most wishes to do.

~Georgette Heyer

It was growing late, and though one might stand on the brink of a deep chasm of disaster, one was still obliged to dress for dinner.

~Georgette Heyer

No one could have called Mr. Standen quick-witted, but the possession of three sisters had considerably sharpened his instinct of self-preservation.

~Georgette Heyer

When fate is got it in for you, there is no limit to what you may have to put up with.

~Georgette Heyer

There is nothing so mortifying as to fall in love with someone who does not share one's sentiments.

~Georgette Heyer

Talking to you is like -- like talking to an eel!" "No, is it? I've never tried to talk to an eel. Isn't it as waste of time?" "Not such a waste of time as talking to you!

~Georgette Heyer

You may have married her, but she is mine. Do you think I shall let you take her? She may be ten times your wife, but, by God, you shall never have her.

~Georgette Heyer

You don't feel you could marry me instead? Got no brains, of course, and I ain't a handsome fellow, like Jack, but I love you. Don't think I could ever love anyone else.

~Georgette Heyer

She decided that her wisest course would be to put him out of her mind. After reaching this conclusion she lay thinking about him until at last she fell asleep.

~Georgette Heyer

Oh, Randall, don't be such a vile beast!" "I don't think much of that", he said critically. "Amiable snake was much better.

~Georgette Heyer

Do you forget that I am your sister?" "No; I've never been granted the opportunity to forget it.

~Georgette Heyer

Is it not insupportable to be held down to a canter when you long to gallop for miles?

~Georgette Heyer

Judging from the letters I've received from obviously feeble-minded persons who wish I would write another *These Old Shades*, it ought to sell like hot cakes.

~Georgette Heyer

You're only a man! You've not our gifts! I can tell you! Why, a woman can think of a hundred different things at once, all them contradictory!

~Georgette Heyer

I can't imagine what possessed you to propose to me." "Well that will give you something to puzzle over any time you can't sleep.

~Georgette Heyer

How very awkward places we do choose in which to propose to one another!' remarked Mr. Beaumaris

~Georgette Heyer

People who start a sentence with personally (and they're always women) ought to be thrown to the lions. It's a repulsive habit.

~Georgette Heyer

I remember only what interests me.

~Georgette Heyer

speed is the curse of the age.

~Georgette Heyer

My dear girl, you don't consent to an abduction! You consent to an elopement, and I knew you wouldn't do that.

~Georgette Heyer

And now I wish I hadn't been civil, because he says he shall not despair! He is as stupid as Endymion! "No, no!" said Alverstoke soothingly. "Nobody could be as stupid as Endymion!"

~Georgette Heyer

I don't know how it is...but you seem to think me something wonderful, and indeed, I am not.

~Georgette Heyer

You will like her," he persisted. "Egad, she's after your own heart, maman! She shot me in the arm." "Voyons, do you think that is what I like?"

~Georgette Heyer

She succumbed to the eternal feminine passion for bargains.

~Georgette Heyer

My dear girl, don't talk nonsense to me! You're lazy, that's all that's

wrong with you. Why don't you take up social work?

~Georgette Heyer

You have a genius for bringing trouble upon yourself

~Georgette Heyer

Miss Grantham gave a shriek. 'You have trifled with me!' she said, into the folds of her handkerchief. 'You promised me marriage, and now you mean to cast me off for Another!

~Georgette Heyer

[...]if you talk any more flummery to me, Frederica, I shall give you one of my "erâ€”icy set-downs!â€”(Alverstoke)

~Georgette Heyer

Let me tell you, my girl, that I'm swallowing no more of your insults! And if I hear another word from you in disparagement of the Corinthian set it will be very much the worse for you!

~Georgette Heyer

This, said Damerel wrathfully, is the second time you have walked in just as I am about to propose to your sister!

~Georgette Heyer

You are an atrocious person! Since the day I met you I have become steadily more depraved.

~Georgette Heyer

I do not want a boy. I only want Monseigneur!

~Georgette Heyer

Don't you dare call me arrogant!If ever I had any at all-which I deny!-how much could I possibly have left after having been ridden over rough-shod by you and Thomas, do you imagine?

~Georgette Heyer

I have seen what comes of being patient," Amanda said with a boding look. "And I have no opinion of it." "What does come of it?" Inquired Sir Gareth. "Nothing!

~Georgette Heyer

Has no one ever told you that it is the height of impropriety to kiss any gentleman, unless you have the intention of accompanying him immediately to the altar?

~Georgette Heyer

Nevertheless, she did not weep, because, for one thing, it would have made her eyes red, and another, it would be of very little use.

~Georgette Heyer

I am relieved. May I now have the truth?

~Georgette Heyer

There is a worse tyranny than that of ill-treatment. It is the tyranny of tears, vapours, appeals to feelings of affection and of gratitude!

~Georgette Heyer

I wish you did return my regard," he said. "More than I have ever wished anything in my life! Perhaps you may yet learn to do so: I should warn you that I don't easily despair!

~Georgette Heyer

Will you marry me, vile and abominable girl that you are? Yes, but, mind, it only to save my neck from being wrung!

~Georgette Heyer

And that reminds me, Mama! I have just intercepted another of that puppy's floral offerings to my sister. This billet was attached to it.â€•

(Charles)

~Georgette Heyer

The charm of your society, My Sparrow, lies in not knowing what will you say next - though one rapidly learns to fear the worst!

~Georgette Heyer

My dearest goose, why didn't you trust me, when I assured you that you might?' he countered. 'I have cherished throughout the believe that you would confide in me, and you see I was quite right.

~Georgette Heyer

As for the fan, she agreed that it was a most amusing trifle: just what she would wish to buy for herself, if it had not been so excessively ugly!

~Georgette Heyer

I feel an almost overwhelming interest in the methods of daylight abduction employed by the modern youth.

~Georgette Heyer

What I mean is, like you to have everything you want. Wished it was me, that's all

~Georgette Heyer

I daresay Freddy might not be a great hand at slaying dragons- but one has not the smallest need of a man who can kill dragons!

~Georgette Heyer

Do you know, I think that of all your idiosyncrasies that choke you give, when you are determined not to laugh, is the one that most enchants me.

~Georgette Heyer

Of course she is a fool, but so are all girls.

~Georgette Heyer

Does it ever occur to you, Mama, that my grandfather is a lunatic?

~Georgette Heyer

I comfort myself with the reflection that your wife will possibly be able to curb your desire--I admit, a natural one for the most part--to exterminate your fellows.

~Georgette Heyer

Remind me one day to teach you how to achieve a sneer, Hugh. Yours is too pronounced, and thus but a grimace. It should be but a faint curl of the lips.

~Georgette Heyer

The society of my relatives can only be enjoyed with frequent intervals.

~Georgette Heyer

You will allow that one's curiosity must be aroused when one learns that a lady is prepared to elope to escape from advances one had not the least intention of making!

~Georgette Heyer

Oh, 'tis not my qualities they object to! 'Tis my lack of vice.

~Georgette Heyer

My house seems remarkably full of people," he observed. "Is it possible we were expected.

~Georgette Heyer

Do you recall Fred Merriville?â€• She stared at him. â€œFred Merriville? Pray, what has he to say to anything?â€• â€œThe poor fellow has nothing to say: he's dead, alas!

~Georgette Heyer

And don't you say that it is very kind and obliging of him, sir, like Jessamy, because if you don't like a person, you don't wish to be obliged to him!

~Georgette Heyer

God knows I'm no saint, but I don't think I'm more of a sinner than any other man.

~Georgette Heyer

[...]my memory is reasonably goodâ€”unlike yours, dear sir!â€”
â€œMine is erratic,â€” he said imperturbably. â€œI remember only what interests me.

~Georgette Heyer

LÃ©onie, you will do well to consider. You are not the first woman in my life." She smiled through her tears. "Monseigneur, I would so much rather be the last woman than the first,â€” she said.

~Georgette Heyer

Well, you have the right to make a sacrifice of yourself, but I'll be damned if I'll let you sacrifice me!

~Georgette Heyer

The more enchanted the idyll, greater must be the pain of its ending.

~Georgette Heyer

Eccentricity may be diverting, Mama, but it is out of place in a wife: certainly in my wife!

~Georgette Heyer

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