

Guy de Maupassant Quotes

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You have the army of mediocrities followed by the multitude of fools. As the mediocrities and the fools always form the immense majority, it is impossible for them to elect an intelligent government.

~Guy de Maupassant

Our memory is a more perfect world than the universe: it gives back life to those who no longer exist.

~Guy de Maupassant

Words dazzle and deceive because they are mimed by the face. But black words on a white page are the soul laid bare.

~Guy de Maupassant

The past attracts me, the present frightens me, because the future is death.

~Guy de Maupassant

A sick thought can devour the body's flesh more than fever or consumption.

~Guy de Maupassant

Of all the passions, the only one that seems respectable to me is the passion for food

~Guy de Maupassant

It is the lives we encounter that make life worth living.

~Guy de Maupassant

There is only one good thing in life, and that is love. And how you misunderstand it! how you spoil it! You treat it as something solemn like a sacrament, or something to be bought, like a dress.

~Guy de Maupassant

Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are

hatched.

~Guy de Maupassant

Every government has as much of a duty to avoid war as a ship's captain has to avoid a shipwreck.

~Guy de Maupassant

Whether we are describing a king, an assassin, a thief, an honest man, a prostitute, a nun, a young girl, or a stallholder in a market, it is always ourselves that we are describing.

~Guy de Maupassant

We live always under the weight of the old and odious customs... of our barbarous ancestors.

~Guy de Maupassant

I love the night passionately... I love it with all my senses: I love to see it, I love to breathe it in, I love to open my ears to its silence, I love my whole body to be caressed by its blackness.

~Guy de Maupassant

Abstinence is the worst form of perversion.

~Guy de Maupassant

Great minds that are healthy are never considered geniuses, while this sublime qualification is lavished on brains that are often inferior but are slightly touched by madness.

~Guy de Maupassant

A lawful kiss is never worth as much as a stolen one.

~Guy de Maupassant

...A strange art - music - the most poetic and precise of all the arts, vague as a dream and precise as algebra.

~Guy de Maupassant

breathing, sleeping, drinking, eating, working, dreaming, everything we do is dying. to live, in fact, is to die.

~Guy de Maupassant

You've never lived until you've almost died. For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected shall never know.

~Guy de Maupassant

Solitude is indeed dangerous for a working intelligence. We need to have around us people who think and speak. When we are alone for a long time we people the void with phantoms

~Guy de Maupassant

The great artists are those who impose their personal vision upon humanity.

~Guy de Maupassant

The kiss itself is immortal. It travels from lip to lip, century to century, from age to age. Men and women garner these kisses, offer them to others and then die in turn.

~Guy de Maupassant

It is better to be unhappy in love than unhappy in marriage, but some people manage to be both.

~Guy de Maupassant

Everything is false, everything is possible, everything is doubtful.

~Guy de Maupassant

There is only one good thing in life, and that is love.

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Travel, like dreams, is a door that opens from the real world into a world that is yet to be discovered

~Guy de Maupassant

Since governments take the right of death over their people, it is not astonishing if the people should sometimes take the right of death over governments.

~Guy de Maupassant

I entered literary life as a meteor, and I shall leave it like a thunderbolt.

~Guy de Maupassant

The simplest of women are wonderful liars who can extricate themselves from the most difficult dilemmas with a skill bordering on genius.

~Guy de Maupassant

We breathe love as we breathe air; we hold it in ourselves as we hold our thoughts. Nothing more exists for us.

~Guy de Maupassant

History, that excitable and unreliable old lady.

~Guy de Maupassant

The bed comprehends our whole life, for we were born in it, we live in it, and we shall die in it

~Guy de Maupassant

Conversation. What is it? A Mystery! It's the art of never seeming bored, of touching everything with interest, of pleasing with trifles, of being fascinating with nothing at all.

~Guy de Maupassant

Whatever you want to say, there is only one word to express it, only

one verb to give it movement, only one adjective to qualify it.

~Guy de Maupassant

Love is always love, come whence it may. A heart that beats at your approach, an eye that weeps when you go away are things so rare, so sweet, so precious that they must never be despised.

~Guy de Maupassant

Anguish of suspense made men even desire the arrival of enemies.

~Guy de Maupassant

One sometimes weeps over one's illusions with as much bitterness as over a death.

~Guy de Maupassant

To avoid each other, their eyes had developed an amazing mobility with all the cunning of enemies fearful of meeting each other head on.

~Guy de Maupassant

The essence of life is the smile of round female bottoms, under the shadow of cosmic boredom.

~Guy de Maupassant

I have coveted everything and taken pleasure in nothing

~Guy de Maupassant

Champagne... the wine of kings, the king of wines

~Guy de Maupassant

You must render: never report.

~Guy de Maupassant

The English have only three sauces - a white one, a brown one and a yellow one, and none of them have any flavor whatever.

~Guy de Maupassant

You'll find that my coquetry is quite impartial, which allows me to keep my friends.

~Guy de Maupassant

In the East men know panic, but they do not know what fright is.

~Guy de Maupassant

Military men are the scourges of the world.

~Guy de Maupassant

Ale, not beer, in a pewter mug was *comme il faut*, the only thing for a gentleman of letters, worthy of the name, to drink.

~Guy de Maupassant

We are accustomed to use our eyes only with the memory of what other people before us have thought about the object we are looking at.

~Guy de Maupassant

To lie about a far country is easy

~Guy de Maupassant

Love always has its price, come whence it may.

~Guy de Maupassant

Legitimized love always despises its easygoing brother.

~Guy de Maupassant

Broad daylight does not encourage the apprehension of horror.

~Guy de Maupassant

The only certainty is death.

~Guy de Maupassant

The glasses were half full, which meant that the guests were completely so

~Guy de Maupassant

In fact living is dying.

~Guy de Maupassant

The secret is not to betray your ignorance. Just maneuver, avoid the quicksands and obstacles, and the rest can be found in a dictionary.

~Guy de Maupassant

I said, 'If other beings besides us exist on Earth, why didn't we meet them a long time ago?

~Guy de Maupassant

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