

Henry Fielding Quotes

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Wine is a turncoat; first a friend and then an enemy.

~Henry Fielding

Handsome is that handsome does.

~Henry Fielding

Love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea.

~Henry Fielding

Make money your god, and it will plague you like the devil.

~Henry Fielding

There is not in the universe a more ridiculous, nor a more contemptible animal, than a proud clergyman.

~Henry Fielding

The hounds all join in glorious cry, / The huntsman winds his horn: /
And a-hunting we will go.

~Henry Fielding

Most men like in women what is most opposite their own characters.

~Henry Fielding

He in a few minutes ravished this fair creature, or at least would have ravished her, if she had not, by a timely compliance, prevented him.

~Henry Fielding

A good countenance is a letter of recommendation.

~Henry Fielding

When children are doing nothing, they are doing mischief.

~Henry Fielding

Neither great poverty nor great riches will hear reason

~Henry Fielding

There is nothing so useful to man in general, nor so beneficial to particular societies and individuals, as trade. This is that alma mater, at whose plentiful breast all mankind are nourished.

~Henry Fielding

A truly elegant taste is generally accompanied with excellency of heart.

~Henry Fielding

Scarcely one person in a thousand is capable of tasting the happiness of others.

~Henry Fielding

Fashion is the science of appearance, and it inspires one with the desire to seem rather than to be.

~Henry Fielding

The slander of some people is as great a recommendation as the praise of others.

~Henry Fielding

The life of a coquette is one constant lie; and the only rule by which you can form any correct judgment of them is that they are never what they seem.

~Henry Fielding

We are as liable to be corrupted by books, as by companions.

~Henry Fielding

All nature wears one universal grin.

~Henry Fielding

Guilt has very quick ears to an accusation.

~Henry Fielding

Riches without charity are nothing worth. They are a blessing only to him who makes them a blessing to others.

~Henry Fielding

It is much easier to make good men wise, than to make bad men good.

~Henry Fielding

It hath been often said, that it is not death, but dying, which is terrible.

~Henry Fielding

Adversity is the trial of principle. Without it, a man hardly knows whether he is honest or not.

~Henry Fielding

A lottery is a taxation on all of the fools in creation.

~Henry Fielding

Let no man be sorry he has done good, because others have done evil.

~Henry Fielding

Enough is equal to a feast.

~Henry Fielding

Great joy, especially after a sudden change of circumstances, is apt to be silent, and dwells rather in the heart than on the tongue.

~Henry Fielding

What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow.

~Henry Fielding

There's one fool at least in every married couple.

~Henry Fielding

Custom may lead a man into many errors; but it justifies none.

~Henry Fielding

Public schools are the nurseries of all vice and immorality.

~Henry Fielding

When I'm not thanked at all, I'm thanked enough.

~Henry Fielding

In a debate, rather pull to pieces the argument of thy antagonists than offer him any of thy own; for thus thou wilt fight him in his own country.

~Henry Fielding

Worth begets in base minds, envy; in great souls, emulation.

~Henry Fielding

Sensuality not only debases both body and mind, but dulls the keen edge of pleasure.

~Henry Fielding

Commend a fool for his wit, or a rogue for his honesty and he will receive you into his favour.

~Henry Fielding

Never trust the man who has reason to suspect that you know he hath injured you.

~Henry Fielding

Tea! The panacea for everything from weariness to a cold to a murder
Love and scandal are the best sweeteners of tea.

~Henry Fielding

Now in reality, the world has paid too great a compliment to critics, and has imagined them to be men of much greater profundity than they really are.

~Henry Fielding

Wisdom is the talent of buying virtuous pleasures at the cheapest rate.

~Henry Fielding

Money is the fruit of evil, as often as the root of it.

~Henry Fielding

A wonder lasts but nine days, and then the puppy's eyes are open.

~Henry Fielding

The characteristic of coquettes is affectation governed by whim.

~Henry Fielding

LOVE: A word properly applied to our delight in particular kinds of food; sometimes metaphorically spoken of the favorite objects of all our appetites.

~Henry Fielding

The prudence of the best heads is often defeated by tenderness of the best hearts.

~Henry Fielding

A newspaper consists of just the same number of words, whether there be any news in it or not.

~Henry Fielding

Good-humor will even go so far as often to supply the lack of wit.

~Henry Fielding

Dancing begets warmth, which is the parent of wantonness. It is, Sir,

the great grandfather of cuckoldom.

~Henry Fielding

Dignity and love were never yet boon companions.

~Henry Fielding

It is well known to all great men, that by conferring an obligation they do not always procure a friend, but are certain of creating many enemies.

~Henry Fielding

For parents to restrain the inclinations of their children in marriage is an usurped power.

~Henry Fielding

The blackest ink of fate are sure my lot, And when fate writ my name it made a blot.

~Henry Fielding

As a conquered rebellion strengthens a government, or as health is more perfectly established by recovery from some diseases; so anger, when removed, often gives new life to affection.

~Henry Fielding

When widows exclaim loudly against second marriages, I would always lay a wager than the man, If not the wedding day, is absolutely fixed on.

~Henry Fielding

In the forming of female friendships beauty seldom recommends one woman to another.

~Henry Fielding

The woman and the soldier who do not defend the first pass will never defend the last.

~Henry Fielding

A good face they say, is a letter of recommendation. O Nature, Nature, why art thou so dishonest, as ever to send men with these false recommendations into the World!

~Henry Fielding

Some folks rail against other folks, because other folks have what some folks would be glad of.

~Henry Fielding

A rich man without charity is a rogue; and perhaps it would be no difficult matter to prove that he is also a fool.

~Henry Fielding

It may be laid down as a general rule, that no woman who hath any great pretensions to admiration is ever well pleased in a company where she perceives herself to fill only the second place.

~Henry Fielding

We endeavor to conceal our vices under the disguise of the opposite virtues.

~Henry Fielding

Wit, like hunger, will be with great difficulty restrained from falling on vice and ignorance, where there is great plenty and variety of food.

~Henry Fielding

Clergy are men as well as other folks.

~Henry Fielding

Considering the unforeseen events of this world, we should be taught that no human condition should inspire men with absolute despair.

~Henry Fielding

It is admirably remarked, by a most excellent writer, that zeal can no more hurry a man to act in direct opposition to itself than a rapid stream can carry a boat against its own current.

~Henry Fielding

Thy modesty 's a candle to thy merit.

~Henry Fielding

A grave aspect to a grave character is of much more consequence than the world is generally aware of; a barber may make you laugh, but a surgeon ought rather to make you cry.

~Henry Fielding

Gravity is the best cloak for sin in all countries.

~Henry Fielding

A good conscience is never lawless in the worst regulated state, and will provide those laws for itself which the neglect of legislators had forgotten to supply.

~Henry Fielding

There is nothing a Man of good Sense dreads so much in a Wife, as her having more Sense than himself.

~Henry Fielding

There is perhaps no surer mark of folly, than to attempt to correct natural infirmities of those we love.

~Henry Fielding

Fear hath the common fault of a justice of peace, and is apt to conclude hastily from every slight circumstance, without examining the evidence on both sides.

~Henry Fielding

Yes, I had two strings to my bow; both golden ones, egad! and both cracked.

~Henry Fielding

The devil take me, if I think anything but love to be the object of love.

~Henry Fielding

There are two considerations which always imbitter the heart of an avaricious man--the one is a perpetual thirst after more riches, the other the prospect of leaving what he has already acquired.

~Henry Fielding

His designs were strictly honourable, as the phrase is; that is, to rob a lady of her fortune by way of marriage.

~Henry Fielding

It is not from nature, but from education and habits, that our wants are chiefly derived.

~Henry Fielding

It is not enough that your designs, nay that your actions, are intrinsically good, you must take care they shall appear so.

~Henry Fielding

What is commonly called love, namely the desire of satisfying a voracious appetite with a certain quantity of delicate white human flesh.

~Henry Fielding

There is scarcely any man, how much soever he may despise the character of a flatterer, but will condescend in the meanest manner to flatter himself.

~Henry Fielding

Thirst teaches all animals to drink, but drunkenness belongs only to man.

~Henry Fielding

Thwackum was for doing justice, and leaving mercy to heaven.

~Henry Fielding

Some virtuous women are too liberal in their insults to a frail sister; but virtue can support itself without borrowing any assistance from the vices of other women.

~Henry Fielding

We must eat to live, and not live to eat.

~Henry Fielding

There is no zeal blinder than that which is inspired with a love of justice against offenders.

~Henry Fielding

I am content; that is a blessing greater than riches; and he to whom that is given need ask no more.

~Henry Fielding

Money will say more in one moment than the most eloquent lover can in years.

~Henry Fielding

Conscience - the only incorruptible thing about us.

~Henry Fielding

Where the law ends tyranny begins.

~Henry Fielding

Success is a fruit of slow growth.

~Henry Fielding

The highest friendship must always lead us to the highest pleasure.

~Henry Fielding

Penny saved is a penny got.

~Henry Fielding

A beau is everything of a woman but the sex, and nothing of a man beside it.

~Henry Fielding

What was said by the Latin poet of labor--that it conquers all things--is much more true when applied to impudence.

~Henry Fielding

These are called the pious frauds of friendship.

~Henry Fielding

Nothing can be so quick and sudden as the operations of the mind, especially when hope, or fear, or jealousy, to which the other two are but journeymen, set it to work.

~Henry Fielding

Wicked companions invite us to hell.

~Henry Fielding

The constant desire of pleasing which is the peculiar quality of some, may be called the happiest of all desires in this that it rarely fails of attaining its end when not disgraced by affectation.

~Henry Fielding

A good man therefore is a standing lesson to us all.

~Henry Fielding

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