

# Henry Miller Quotes

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Believe, Way, Eye, Literature, Artist, Reality, Running, Reading, Soul, Miracle*

If there is to be any peace it will come through being, not having.

~Henry Miller

Whatever there be of progress in life comes not through adaptation but through daring.

~Henry Miller

In expanding the field of knowledge we but increase the horizon of ignorance.

~Henry Miller

The aim of life is to live, and to live means to be aware, joyously, drunkenly, serenely, divinely aware.

~Henry Miller

A book lying idle on a shelf is wasted ammunition.

~Henry Miller

It is with the soul that we grasp the essence of another human being, not with the mind, nor even with the heart.

~Henry Miller

either you take in believing in miracles or you stand still like the hummingbird.

~Henry Miller

Chaos is the score upon which reality is written.

~Henry Miller

Art is only a means to life, the life more abundant. It merely points the way.

~Henry Miller

Man has demonstrated that he is master of everything - except his own

nature.

~Henry Miller

Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

~Henry Miller

Every man has his own destiny: the only imperative is to follow it, to accept it, no matter where it leads him.

~Henry Miller

Why are we so full of restraint? Why do we not give in all directions? Is it fear of losing ourselves? Until we do lose ourselves there is no hope of finding ourselves.

~Henry Miller

All growth is a leap in the dark, a spontaneous unpremeditated act without benefit of experience.

~Henry Miller

The moment one gives close attention to any thing, even a blade of grass it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.

~Henry Miller

Develop an interest in life as you see it; the people, things, literature, music - the world is so rich, simply throbbing with rich treasures, beautiful souls and interesting people. Forget yourself.

~Henry Miller

To have her here in bed with me, breathing on me, her hair in my mouthâ€”I count that something of a miracle.

~Henry Miller

Every day that we fail to live out the maximum of our potentialities we kill the Shakespeare, Dante, Homer, Christ which is in us.

~Henry Miller

The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough is love.

~Henry Miller

I have always looked upon decay as being just as wonderful and rich an expression of life as growth.

~Henry Miller

Back of every creation, supporting it like an arch, is faith. Enthusiasm is nothing: it comes and goes. But if one believes, then miracles occur.

~Henry Miller

An artist is always alone - if he is an artist. No, what the artist needs is loneliness.

~Henry Miller

Everything hinges on how you look at things

~Henry Miller

Whatever needs to be maintained through force is doomed.

~Henry Miller

Life is 440 horsepower in a 2-cylinder engine.

~Henry Miller

When you come, please be so kind as to check your neuroses and psychoses at the gate... Fans and other obnoxious pests would do well to maintain silence.

~Henry Miller

One's destination is never a place but rather a new way of looking at things.

~Henry Miller

We have two American flags always: one for the rich and one for the poor. When the rich fly it means that things are under control; when the poor fly it means danger, revolution, anarchy.

~Henry Miller

Confusion is a word we have invented for an order which is not understood.

~Henry Miller

Honest criticism means nothing: what one wants is unrestrained passion, fire for fire.

~Henry Miller

The goal of life is not to possess power but to radiate it.

~Henry Miller

If we are always arriving and departing, it is also true that we are eternally anchored. One's destination is never a place but rather a new way of looking at things.

~Henry Miller

Sex is one of the nine reasons for reincarnation... The other eight are unimportant.

~Henry Miller

Dedication is not what others expect of you, it is what you can give to others.

~Henry Miller

The prisoner is not the one who has committed a crime, but the one who

clings to his crime and lives it over and over.

~Henry Miller

I want to undress you, vulgarize you a bit.

~Henry Miller

The full and joyful acceptance of the worst in oneself may be the only sure way of transforming it.

~Henry Miller

One of the reasons why so few of us ever act, instead of react, is because we are continually stifling our deepest impulses.

~Henry Miller

Destiny is what you are supposed to do in life. Fate is what kicks you in the ass to make you do it.

~Henry Miller

Of course you don't die. Nobody dies. Death doesn't exist. You only reach a new level of vision, a new realm of consciousness, a new unknown world.

~Henry Miller

To make living itself an art, that is the goal.

~Henry Miller

I felt free and chained at the same time - like one feels just before election, when all the crooks have been nominated and you are beseeched to vote for the right man.

~Henry Miller

True strength lies in submission which permits one to dedicate his life, through devotion, to something beyond himself.

~Henry Miller

I see America spreading disaster. I see America as a black curse upon the world. I see a long night settling in and that mushroom which has poisoned the world withering at the roots.

~Henry Miller

The real leader has no need to lead - he is content to point the way.

~Henry Miller

If you can fall in love again and again if you can forgive as well as forget, if you can keep from growing sour, surly, bitter and cynical you've got it half licked.

~Henry Miller

An artist earns the right to call himself a creator only when he admits to himself that he is but an instrument.

~Henry Miller

Surely every one realizes, at some point along the way, that he is capable of living a far better life than the one he has chosen.

~Henry Miller

Let me be, was all I wanted. Be what I am, no matter how I am.

~Henry Miller

Example moves the world more than doctrine.

~Henry Miller

In the attempt to defeat death man has been inevitably obliged to defeat life, for the two are inextricably related. Life moves on to death, and to deny one is to deny the other.

~Henry Miller

In this age, which believes that there is a short cut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that the most difficult way is, in the long

run, the easiest.

~Henry Miller

Until we accept the fact that life itself is founded in mystery, we shall learn nothing.

~Henry Miller

We create our fate everyday

~Henry Miller

It is almost banal to say so yet it needs to be stressed continually: all is creation, all is change, all is flux, all is metamorphosis.

~Henry Miller

Life has to be given a meaning because of the obvious fact that it has no meaning.

~Henry Miller

Without a Coca-Cola life is unthinkable.

~Henry Miller

The man who is intoxicated with life does not pass judgment, does not seek to come to a conclusion, does not impose his message on the world.

~Henry Miller

I soon found out you can't change the world. The best you can do is to learn to live with it.

~Henry Miller

We create our fate every day . . . most of the ills we suffer from are directly traceable to our own behavior.

~Henry Miller



Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate, or despise, serves to defeat us in the end.

~Henry Miller

The world is the mirror of myself dying.

~Henry Miller

No man is great enough or wise enough for any of us to surrender our destiny to. The only way in which anyone can lead us is to restore to us the belief in our own guidance.

~Henry Miller

The worst sin that can be committed against the artist is to take him at his word, to see in his work a fulfillment instead of an horizon.

~Henry Miller

Through endless night the earth whirls toward a creation unknown.

~Henry Miller

Man, as man, has never realized himself. The greater part of him, his potential being, has always been submerged. What is history if not the endless story of his repeated failures?

~Henry Miller

The poet speaks adequately only when he speaks somewhat wildly... not with intellect alone, but with intellect inebriated by nectar.

~Henry Miller

By choosing to live above the ordinary level we create extraordinary problems for ourselves.

~Henry Miller

If one believes, then miracles occur.

~Henry Miller

It is silly to go on pretending that under the skin we are brothers. The truth is more likely that under the skin we are all cannibals, assassins, traitors, liars and hypocrites.

~Henry Miller

If the poet can no longer speak for society, but only for himself, then we are at the last ditch.

~Henry Miller

The man who looks for security, even in the mind, is like a man who would chop off his limbs in order to have artificial ones which will give him no pain or trouble.

~Henry Miller

We are swimming on the face of time and all else has drowned, is drowning, or will drown.

~Henry Miller

What is an artist? He's a man who has antennae, who knows how to hook up to the currents which are in atmosphere, in the cosmos.

~Henry Miller

It isn't the oceans which cut us off from the world - it's the American way of looking at things.

~Henry Miller

To paint is to love again, and to love is to live life to the fullest.

~Henry Miller

The ordinary man is involved in action, the hero acts. An immense difference.

~Henry Miller

Any genuine philosophy leads to action and from action back again to wonder, to the enduring fact of mystery.

~Henry Miller

The real enemy can always be met and conquered, or won over. Real antagonism is based on love, a love which has not recognized itself.

~Henry Miller

He saw that science had become as great a hoax as religion, that nationalism was a farce, patriotism a fraud, education a form of leprosy, and that morals were for cannibals

~Henry Miller

We must get going. Tomorrow, tomorrow.

~Henry Miller

What holds the world together, as I have learned from bitter experience, is sexual intercourse.

~Henry Miller

To live without killing is a thought which could electrify the world, if men were only capable of staying awake long enough to let the idea soak in.

~Henry Miller

'Life', said Emerson, "consists in what a man is thinking all day." If that be so, then my life is nothing but a big intestine.

~Henry Miller

We do not talk - we bludgeon one another with facts and theories gleaned from cursory readings of newspapers, magazines and digests.

~Henry Miller

The world is two thirds spaghetti and meatballs, one third syphilitic

chancre.

~Henry Miller

Music is the can-opener of the soul.

~Henry Miller

I have no money, no resources, no hopes. I am the happiest man alive.

~Henry Miller

It was only in my forties that I started feeling young.

~Henry Miller

Next to love friendship, in my opinion, is the most valuable thing life has to offer.

~Henry Miller

If we have not found heaven within, it is a certainty we will not find it without.

~Henry Miller

Music is a beautiful opiate, if you don't take it too seriously.

~Henry Miller

I'm a bit retarded, like most Americans.

~Henry Miller

Somewhere along the way one discovers that what one has to tell is not nearly so important as the telling itself.

~Henry Miller

I don't think we should read for instruction but to give our souls a chance to luxuriate.

~Henry Miller

Imagination is the voice of daring. If there is anything Godlike about God it is that. He dared to imagine everything.

~Henry Miller

The enchanting, and sometimes terrifying, thing is that the world can be so many things to so many different souls. That it can be, and is, all these things at once and the same time.

~Henry Miller

Madness is tonic and invigorating. It makes the sane more sane. The only ones who are unable to profit by it are the insane.

~Henry Miller

For one crime which is expiated in prison ten thousand are committed thoughtlessly by those who condemn.

~Henry Miller

Words are loneliness.

~Henry Miller

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