

Ian Fleming Quotes

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He could not just wear a watch. It had to be a Rolex.

~Ian Fleming

I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them.

~Ian Fleming

Hope makes a good breakfast. Eat plenty of it.

~Ian Fleming

You can get far in North America with laconic grunts. "Huh," "hun," and "hi!" in their various modulations, together with "sure," "guess so," "that so?" and "nuts!" will meet almost any contingency.

~Ian Fleming

Older women are best because they always think they may be doing it for the last time.

~Ian Fleming

A gentleman's choice of timepiece says as much about him as does his Saville Row suit.

~Ian Fleming

You only live twice. Once when you are born and once when you look death in the face.

~Ian Fleming

History is moving pretty quickly these days, and the heroes and villains keep on changing parts.

~Ian Fleming

Once is happenstance. Twice is coincidence. Three times is enemy action.

~Ian Fleming

Loneliness becomes a lover, solitude a darling sin.

~Ian Fleming

Everyone has the revolver of resignation in his pocket.

~Ian Fleming

Worry is a dividend paid to disaster before it is due

~Ian Fleming

I always make it a rule never to look back. Otherwise, I'd ask myself how I could write such piffle and live with myself, day after day.

~Ian Fleming

Love of life is born of the awareness of death, of the dread of it.

~Ian Fleming

Unfortunately most ways of making big money take a long time. By the time one has made the money one is too old to enjoy it.

~Ian Fleming

He was a secret agent, and still alive thanks to his exact attention to the detail of his profession.

~Ian Fleming

People are islands,' she said. 'They don't really touch. However close they are, they're really quite separate. Even if they've been married for fifty years.

~Ian Fleming

A medium Vodka dry Martini - with a slice of lemon peel. Shaken and not stirred.

~Ian Fleming

Bond didn't defend the practice. He simply maintained that the more

effort and ingenuity you put into gambling, the more you took out.

~Ian Fleming

The gain to the winner is always less than the loss to the loser.

~Ian Fleming

Surround yourself with human beings, my dear James. They are easier to fight for than principles.

~Ian Fleming

If I wait for the genius to come, it just doesn't arrive.

~Ian Fleming

Against the background of this luminous and sparkling stage Bond stood in the sunshine and felt his mission to be incongruous and remote and his dark profession an affront to his fellow actors.

~Ian Fleming

It's just that I'd rather die of drink than of thirst.

~Ian Fleming

I am a poet in deeds--not often in words.

~Ian Fleming

Never job backwards. What might have been was a waste of time.

~Ian Fleming

Never say 'no' to adventures.

~Ian Fleming

Bond reflected that good Americans were fine people and that most of them seemed to come from Texas.

~Ian Fleming

There is only one recipe for a best seller and it is a very simple one. You have to get the reader to turn over the page.

~Ian Fleming

Diamonds are forever.

~Ian Fleming

Like all harsh, cold men, he was easily tipped over into sentiment.

~Ian Fleming

Most marriages don't add two people together. They subtract one from the other.

~Ian Fleming

The World Is Not Enough

~Ian Fleming

They want us dead,' said Bond calmly. 'So we have to stay alive.

~Ian Fleming

I have always smoked and drunk and loved too much. In fact I have lived not too long but too much. One day the Iron Crab will get me. Then I shall have died of living too much.

~Ian Fleming

As for sex, well, I mean sex is a perfectly respectable subject as far as Shakespeare is concerned. I mean, all history is love and violence.

~Ian Fleming

At gambling, the deadly sin is to mistake bad play for bad luck.

~Ian Fleming

It was the short men that caused all the trouble in the world.

~Ian Fleming

It reads better than it lives

~Ian Fleming

The scent and smoke and sweat of a casino are nauseating at three in the morning.

~Ian Fleming

Men want a woman whom they can turn on and off like a light switch.

~Ian Fleming

Our prisons are full of people who think they're Napoleon..or God.

~Ian Fleming

Luck in all its moods had to be loved and not feared. Bond saw luck as a woman, to be softly wooed or brutally ravaged, never pandered to or pursued.

~Ian Fleming

All women love semi-rape. They love to be taken. It was his sweet brutality against my bruised body that made his act of love so piercingly wonderful.

~Ian Fleming

He shrugged his shoulders to shift the pain of failure---the pain that is so much greater than the pleasure of success.

~Ian Fleming

A woman can put up with almost anything; anything but indifference.

~Ian Fleming

My mental hands were empty, and I felt I must do something as a counterirritant or antibody to my hysterical alarm at getting married at the age of 43.

~Ian Fleming

Mine's Bond - James Bond.

~Ian Fleming

Everything I write has a precedent in truth.

~Ian Fleming

Shaken and not stirred.

~Ian Fleming

A woman should be an illusion

~Ian Fleming

She explained to me later that she must have been possessed by a subconscious desire to be raped. Well she found me in the mountains and she was raped - by me.

~Ian Fleming

Just as, at least in one religion, accidia is the first of the cardinal sins, so boredom, and particularly the incredible circumstance of waking up bored, was the only vice Bond utterly condemned.

~Ian Fleming

He provides a vision. He often reminds countries of their responsibilities in a way that makes it seem not only like a legal obligation but a moral responsibility.

~Ian Fleming

I'm not in the Shakespeare stakes. I have no ambition.

~Ian Fleming

And people with obsessions, reflected Bond, were blind to danger.

~Ian Fleming

And then one day when you're playing your little game you'll suddenly

find yourself pinned down like a butterfly.

~Ian Fleming

I'm looking for Commander James Bond, not an overgrown stunt man.
[on meeting Sean Connery]

~Ian Fleming

Before a man's forty, girls cost nothing. After that you have to pay money, or tell a story. Of the two, it's the story that hurts most. Anyway I'm not forty yet.

~Ian Fleming

...Goldfinger could not have known that high tension was Bond's natural way of life and that pressure and danger relaxed him.

~Ian Fleming

I don't regard James Bond precisely as a hero, but at least he does get on and do his duty, in an extremely corny way.

~Ian Fleming

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