

John Steinbeck

Quotes

*Men, People, Writing, Thinking, Book, Believe, Wrath, Fighting, Mind, Hate,
Dog, World, Children, Life, Eden, Boys, Mean, Travel, Want, Years*

Don't worry about losing. If it is right, it happens - The main thing is not to hurry. Nothing good gets away.

~John Steinbeck

Socialism never took root in America because the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires.

~John Steinbeck

The free exploring mind of the individual human is the most valuable thing in the world.

~John Steinbeck

And now that you don't have to be perfect, you can be good.

~John Steinbeck

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

~John Steinbeck

I believe a strong woman may be stronger than a man, particularly if she happens to have love in her heart. I guess a loving woman is indestructible.

~John Steinbeck

When two people meet, each one is changed by the other so you've got two new people.

~John Steinbeck

Writers are a little below clowns and a little above trained seals.

~John Steinbeck

This I must fight against: any idea, religion, or government which limits or destroys the individual.

~John Steinbeck

If you understand each other you will be kind to each other.

~John Steinbeck

It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it.

~John Steinbeck

Men do change, and change comes like a little wind that ruffles the curtains at dawn, and it comes like the stealthy perfume of wildflowers hidden in the grass.

~John Steinbeck

There are no ugly questions except those clothed in condescension.

~John Steinbeck

The profession of book writing makes horse racing seem like a solid, stable business.

~John Steinbeck

The Mojave is a big desert and a frightening one. It's as though nature tested a man for endurance and constancy to prove whether he was good enough to get to California.

~John Steinbeck

Only mediocrity escapes criticism.

~John Steinbeck

I shall revenge myself in the cruelest way you can imagine. I shall forget it.

~John Steinbeck

It is the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of

him.

~John Steinbeck

The last clear definite function of man â€” muscles aching to work, minds aching to create beyond the single need â€” this is man.

~John Steinbeck

In the souls of the people the grapes of wrath are filling and growing heavy, growing heavy for the vintage.

~John Steinbeck

I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.

~John Steinbeck

I got you to look after me, and you got me to look after you, and that's why.

~John Steinbeck

All war is a symptom of man's failure as a thinking animal.

~John Steinbeck

Four hoarse blasts of a ship's whistle still raise the hair on my neck and set my feet to tapping.

~John Steinbeck

It's a hard thing to leave any deeply routine life, even if you hate it.

~John Steinbeck

A journey is like marriage. The certain way to be wrong is to think you control it.

~John Steinbeck

We only have one story. All novels, all poetry are built on the never-ending contest in ourselves of good and evil.

~John Steinbeck

I wonder how many people I've looked at all my life and never seen.

~John Steinbeck

A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike.

~John Steinbeck

This I would fight for: the freedom of the mind to take any direction it wishes, undirected.

~John Steinbeck

The bank is something more than men, I tell you. It's the monster. Men made it, but they can't control it.

~John Steinbeck

To be alive at all is to have scars.

~John Steinbeck

A man without words is a man without thought.

~John Steinbeck

A stilted heron labored up into the air and pounded down the river.

~John Steinbeck

No one has ever successfully painted or photographed a redwood tree. The feeling they produce is not transferable. From them comes silence and awe

~John Steinbeck

Perhaps the less we have, the more we are required to brag.

~John Steinbeck

There are two kinds of people in the world, observers and non-observers.

~John Steinbeck

There are as many worlds as there are kinds of days, and as an opal changes its colors and its fire to match the nature of a day, so do I.

~John Steinbeck

All great and precious things are lonely.

~John Steinbeck

It's so much darker when a light goes out than it would have been if it had never shone.

~John Steinbeck

No man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself.

~John Steinbeck

A sad soul can kill quicker than a germ.

~John Steinbeck

Oh, the strawberries don't taste as they used to and the thighs of women have lost their clutch!

~John Steinbeck

With all our horrors and faults, somewhere in us there is a shining.

~John Steinbeck

Power does not corrupt. Fear corrupts... perhaps the fear of a loss of power.

~John Steinbeck

If you find yourself in a fair fight, your tactics suck.

~John Steinbeck

For it is my opinion that we enclose and celebrate the freaks of our nation and our civilization. Yellowstone National Park is no more representative of America than is Disneyland.

~John Steinbeck

How can you frighten a man whose hunger is not only in his own cramped stomach but in the wretched bellies of his children? You can't scare him--he has known a fear beyond every other.

~John Steinbeck

My imagination will get me a passport to hell one day.

~John Steinbeck

Time is the only critic without ambition.

~John Steinbeck

Books are the best friends you can have; they inform you, and entertain you, and they don't talk back.

~John Steinbeck

Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and pretty soon you have a dozen.

~John Steinbeck

You can only understand people if you feel them in yourself.

~John Steinbeck

Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other.

~John Steinbeck

As happens sometimes, a moment settled and hovered and remained for much more than a moment. And sound stopped and movement

stopped for much, much more than a moment.

~John Steinbeck

Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.

~John Steinbeck

If a man ordered a beer milk shake, he thought, he'd better do it in a town where he wasn't known.

~John Steinbeck

Perhaps the best conversationalist in the world is the man who helps others to talk.

~John Steinbeck

Sectional football games have the glory and the despair of war, and when a Texas team takes the field against a foreign state, it is an army with banners.

~John Steinbeck

Somewhere in the world there is a defeat for everyone. Some are destroyed by defeat, and some made small and mean by victory. Greatness lives in one who triumphs equally over defeat and victory.

~John Steinbeck

If you're in trouble, or hurt or need - go to the poor people. They're the only ones that'll help - the only ones.

~John Steinbeck

It would be absurd if we did not understand both angels and devils, since we invented them.

~John Steinbeck

Ah, the prayers of the millions, how they must fight and destroy each

other on their way to the throne of God.

~John Steinbeck

I find out of long experience that I admire all nations and hate all governments

~John Steinbeck

Socialism is just another form of religion, and thus delusional.

~John Steinbeck

I'm in love with Montana. For other states I have admiration, respect, recognition, even some affection. But with Montana it is love. And it's difficult to analyze love when you're in it.

~John Steinbeck

If you want to destroy a nation, give it too much - make it greedy, miserable and sick.

~John Steinbeck

And the little screaming fact that sounds through all history: repression works only to strengthen and knit the repressed.

~John Steinbeck

I've lived in good climate, and it bores the hell out of me. I like weather rather than climate.

~John Steinbeck

Many a trip continues long after movement in time and space have ceased.

~John Steinbeck

It was a day as different from other days as dogs are from cats and both of them from chrysanthemums or tidal waves or scarlet fever.

~John Steinbeck

A book is like a man - clever and dull, brave and cowardly, beautiful and ugly.

~John Steinbeck

I have never smuggled anything in my life. Why, then, do I feel an uneasy sense of guilt on approaching a customs barrier?

~John Steinbeck

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~John Steinbeck

I guess this is why I hate governments, all governments. It is always the rule, the fine print, carried out by fine-print men. There's nothing to fight, no wall to hammer with frustrated fists.

~John Steinbeck

Man, unlike anything organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments.

~John Steinbeck

An unbelieved truth can hurt a man much more than a lie. It takes great courage to back truth unacceptable to our times. There's a punishment for it, and it's usually crucifixion.

~John Steinbeck

We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us.

~John Steinbeck

Money is not nice. Money got no friends but more money.

~John Steinbeck

I am happy to report that in the war between reality and romance,

reality is not the stronger.

~John Steinbeck

Sometimes a man wants to be stupid if it lets him do a thing his cleverness forbids.

~John Steinbeck

In utter loneliness a writer tries to explain the inexplicable.

~John Steinbeck

Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do...Try to be better than yourself.

~John Steinbeck

We don't take a trip. A trip takes us.

~John Steinbeck

I guess there are never enough books.

~John Steinbeck

To finish is sadness to a writer â€” a little death. He puts the last word down and it is done. But it isn't really done. The story goes on and leaves the writer behind, for no story is ever done.

~John Steinbeck

Man is the only kind of varmint sets his own trap, baits it, then steps in it.

~John Steinbeck

His ear heard more than what was said to him, and his slow speech had overtones not of thought, but of understanding beyond thought.

~John Steinbeck

The object of love is the best and most beautiful. Try to live up to it.

~John Steinbeck

Write freely and as rapidly as possible and throw the whole thing on paper.

~John Steinbeck

That man who is more than his elements knows the land that is more than its analysis.

~John Steinbeck

I'm back with my own kind of people here now, the bums and drinkers and no goods and it is a fine thing.

~John Steinbeck

There's nothing in the world like that first taste of beer.

~John Steinbeck

A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find that after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us.

~John Steinbeck

We value virtue but do not discuss it. The honest bookkeeper, the faithful wife, the earnest scholar get little of our attention compared to the embezzler, the tramp, the cheat.

~John Steinbeck

Father and son are natural enemies and each is happier and more secure in keeping it that way.

~John Steinbeck

A man on a horse is spiritually, as well as physically, bigger than a man on foot.

~John Steinbeck

One can find so many pains when the rain is falling.

~John Steinbeck

What a frightening thing is the human, a mass of gauges and dials and registers, and we can only read a few and those perhaps not accurately.

~John Steinbeck

One day we'll sit and you'll lay it out on the table, neat like a solitaire deck, but now - why, you can't find all the cards.

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