

# Kenneth Grahame

## Quotes

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There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

~Kenneth Grahame

Come along inside... We'll see if tea and buns can make the world a better place.

~Kenneth Grahame

After all, the best part of a holiday is perhaps not so much to be resting yourself, as to see all the other fellows busy working.

~Kenneth Grahame

Badger hates Society, and invitations, and dinner, and all that sort of thing.

~Kenneth Grahame

The strongest human instinct is to impart information, the second strongest is to resist it.

~Kenneth Grahame

Here today, up and off to somewhere else tomorrow! Travel, change, interest, excitement! The whole world before you, and a horizon that's always changing!

~Kenneth Grahame

All along the backwater, Through the rushes tall, Ducks are a-dabbling, Up tails all!

~Kenneth Grahame

All this he saw, for one moment breathless and intense, vivid on the morning sky; and still, as he looked, he lived; and still, as he lived, he wondered.

~Kenneth Grahame

The River... It's my world, and I don't want any other. What it hasn't got is not worth having, and what it doesn't know is not worth knowing.  
Lord! the times we've had together!

~Kenneth Grahame

Spring was moving in the air above and in the earth below and around him, penetrating even his dark and lowly little house with its spirit of divine discontent and longing.

~Kenneth Grahame

Independence is all very well, but we animals never allow our friends to make fools of themselves beyond a certain limit; and that limit you've reached

~Kenneth Grahame

Footprints in the snow have been unfailing provokers of sentiment ever since snow was first a white wonder in this drab-coloured world of ours.

~Kenneth Grahame

As a rule, indeed, grown-up people are fairly correct on matters of fact; it is in the higher gift of imagination that they are so sadly to seek.

~Kenneth Grahame

The clever men of Oxford, know all that there is to be knowed but they none of them know one half as much as intelligent Mr. Toad.

~Kenneth Grahame

The whole wood seemed running now, running hard, hunting, chasing, closing in round something or - somebody? In panic, he began to run too, aimlessly, he knew not whither.

~Kenneth Grahame

Monkeys who very sensibly refrain from speech, lest they should be set

to earn their livings.

~Kenneth Grahame

Animals when in company walk in a proper and sensible manner, in single file, instead of sprawling all across the road and being of no use or support to each other in case of sudden trouble or danger.

~Kenneth Grahame

Don't, for goodness' sake, keep on saying 'Don't'; I hear so much of it, and it's monotonous, and makes me tired.

~Kenneth Grahame

Home! That was what they meant, those caressing appeals, Those soft touches wafted through the air, those invisible little hands pulling and tugging, all one way.

~Kenneth Grahame

Brain against brute force - and brain came out on the top - as its bound to do.

~Kenneth Grahame

No animal, according to the rules of animal-etiquette, is ever expected to do anything strenuous, or heroic, or even moderately active during the off-season of winter.

~Kenneth Grahame

Take the adventure, heed the call, now ere the irrevocable moment passes! 'Tis but a banging of the door behind you, a blithesome step forward, and you are out of your old life and into the new!

~Kenneth Grahame

It is the restrictions placed on vice by our social code which makes its pursuit so peculiarly agreeable.

~Kenneth Grahame

For my life, I confess to you, feels to me today somewhat narrow and circumscribed.

~Kenneth Grahame

Everything seems asleep, and yet going on all the time. It is a goodly life that you lead, friend; no doubt the best in the world, if only you are strong enough to lead it!

~Kenneth Grahame

Onion sauce! Onion Sauce!

~Kenneth Grahame

He had got down to the bones of it, and they were fine and strong and simple.

~Kenneth Grahame

You are brave! For my sake, do not be rash!

~Kenneth Grahame

The past was like a bad dream; the future was all happy holiday as I moved Southwards week by week, easily, lazily, lingering as long as I dared, but always heeding the call!

~Kenneth Grahame

There was the noise of a bolt shot back, and the door opened a few inches, enough to show a long snout and a pair of sleepy blinking eyes.

~Kenneth Grahame

It's not the sort of night for bed, anyhow.

~Kenneth Grahame

The Wild Wood is pretty well populated by now; with all the usual lot, good, bad, and indifferent--I name no names. It takes all sorts to make

a world.

~Kenneth Grahame

There seemed to be no end to this wood, and no beginning, and no difference in it, and, worse of all, no way out

~Kenneth Grahame

I'm such a clever Toad.

~Kenneth Grahame

The river , corrected the Rat, It's my world...What it hasn't got is not worth having.

~Kenneth Grahame

Well, very long ago, on the spot where the Wild Wood waves now, before ever it had planted itself and grown up to what it now is, there was a city - a city of people, you know

~Kenneth Grahame

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