

# Larry McMurry

## Quotes

*Men, People, Book, Life, Years, Long, Littles, Night, Hate, Morning, Writing,  
Listening, Cowboy, Rich, Home, Country, Art, Thinking, Horse, Mistake*

True maturity is only reached when a man realizes he has become a father figure to his girlfriends' boyfriend - and he accepts it

~Larry McMurtry

Self-parody is the first portent of age.

~Larry McMurtry

Only a rank degenerate would drive 1,500 miles across Texas without eating a chicken fried steak.

~Larry McMurtry

Backward is just not a natural direction for Americans to look - historical ignorance remains a national characteristic.

~Larry McMurtry

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

~Larry McMurtry

Uva uvum vivendo varia fit

~Larry McMurtry

People would be bored shitless if they had to love only the good in someone they care about.

~Larry McMurtry

A woman's love is like the morning dew. It's just as likely to settle on a horse turd as a rose.

~Larry McMurtry

Incompetents invariably make trouble for people other than themselves.

~Larry McMurtry

Yesterday's gone on down the river and you can't get it back.

~Larry McMurtry

If you want one thing too much it's likely to be a disappointment. The healthy way is to learn to like the everyday things, like soft beds and buttermilkâ€™ and feisty gentlemen.

~Larry McMurtry

Writing is a form of herding. I herd words into little paragraph-like clusters.

~Larry McMurtry

A man who wouldn't cheat for a poke don't want one bad enough.

--Augustus "Gus" McCrae

~Larry McMurtry

You know Deets is like me - he's not one to quit on a garment just because it's got a little age - spoken by Augustus McCrae

~Larry McMurtry

There isn't a thought in my head I care to be alone with for more than five minutes.

~Larry McMurtry

Maybe you can make art out of unredeemed pain, but only if you're a genius -- Dostoyevsky perhaps.

~Larry McMurtry

It's a fine world, though rich in hardships at times.

~Larry McMurtry

Anyway, whacking a surly bartender ain't much of a crime.

~Larry McMurtry

From him to the stars, in all directions, there was only silence and

emptiness.

~Larry McMurtry

It ain't dying I'm talking about, it's living. I doubt it matters where you die, but it matters where you live.â€• ~spoken by Augustus McCrae

~Larry McMurtry

The older the violin, the sweeter the music.

~Larry McMurtry

No illusion is more crucial than the illusion that great success and huge money buy you immunity from the common ills of mankind, such as cars that won't start.

~Larry McMurtry

Texas is rich in unredeemed dreams

~Larry McMurtry

A man that will go along with six killings is making his escape a little slow.

~Larry McMurtry

Nothing good ever comes without a price.

~Larry McMurtry

But the English are different, and they don't know how to be other than different.

~Larry McMurtry

A bookman's love of books is a love of books, not merely of the information in them.

~Larry McMurtry

Part of the trick of being happy is a refusal to allow oneself to become

too nostalgic for the heady triumphs of one's youth.

~Larry McMurtry

If we know anything about man, it's that he's not pacific. The temptation to butcher anyone considered undesirable seems to be a common temptation, not always resisted.

~Larry McMurtry

Members of the Academy are mostly urban people. We are an urban nation. We are not a rural nation. It's not easy even to get a rural story made.

~Larry McMurtry

I once owned a collection of 77 novels that won the Pulitzer. The only good novel of the bunch was *The Grapes of Wrath*.

~Larry McMurtry

Live through it," Call said. "That's all we can do.

~Larry McMurtry

Listening to women ain't the fashion in this part of the country.

~Larry McMurtry

Nobody run off with her," Roscoe said. "She just run off with herself, I guess.

~Larry McMurtry

Americans don't want cowboys to be gay.

~Larry McMurtry

The reason men are so awful is because some woman has spoiled them.

~Larry McMurtry

The earth is mostly just a boneyard. But pretty in the sunlight.

~Larry McMurtry

Mystery is underrated, and understanding is overrated.

~Larry McMurtry

I'm sure partial to the evening,' Augustus said. 'The evening and the morning. If we just didn't have to have the rest of the dern day I'd be a lot happier.

~Larry McMurtry

If a warrior lacked wisdom, courage alone would not keep him alive for long.

~Larry McMurtry

I don't do well with changes in my routine. I read at least three newspapers a day, for example. I'm frustrated if for some reason I can't get ahold of all three.

~Larry McMurtry

Death and worse happened on the plains.

~Larry McMurtry

The Western notion of masculinity goes back a long way. It doesn't allow for women, and it's also racist - it doesn't allow for other cultures.

~Larry McMurtry

... people are always turning out to be tougher than I think they are.

~Larry McMurtry

-she remembered them kindly, for there was a sweetness in boys that didn't last long, once they became men.

~Larry McMurtry

I never met a soul in this world as normal as me.

~Larry McMurtry

In times of crisis human beings don't have it in them to be rational.

~Larry McMurtry

If I had a mind to rent pigs, I'd be mighty upset. A man that likes to rent pigs won't be stopped.

~Larry McMurtry

You can scare off a lot of cowboys just by looking mean, I guess.

~Larry McMurtry

I think its a sickness to grieve too much for those who never cared a fig for you.

~Larry McMurtry

I don't see how being married could be any worse than listening to you talk for twenty years, but that still ain't much of a recommendation for it.

~Larry McMurtry

Certainly on the vast windy plain, there was plenty of nothing to be looked at.

~Larry McMurtry

Razzy was insulting me silently somehow.

~Larry McMurtry

I suppose you set up reading the Good Book all night-spoken by Woodrow Call

~Larry McMurtry

They say money kinda melts when you take it across a border.

~Larry McMurtry

The only bookstore I had was the paperback rack at the drugstore.

~Larry McMurtry

I hate rude behavior in a man,' he explained in his quiet, unassuming drawl. 'I won't tolerate it.' He politely tipped his hat, and rode away.

~Larry McMurtry



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