

Michel Houellebecq

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The great advantage of a novel is you can put in whatever comes into your head - it has the same shape as the human brain.

~Michel Houellebecq

Anything can happen in life, especially nothing.

~Michel Houellebecq

The world outside had its own rules, and those rules were not human.

~Michel Houellebecq

The Americans are completely stupid. The intellectual level in any single European country is higher than in America.

~Michel Houellebecq

The love of a dog is a pure thing. He gives you a trust which is total. You must not betray it.

~Michel Houellebecq

The absence of the will to live is, alas, not sufficient to make one want to die.

~Michel Houellebecq

The dream of all men is to meet little sluts who are innocent but ready for all forms of depravityâ€”which is what, more or less, all teenage girls are.

~Michel Houellebecq

In order to pass the time I told him the story of the German who ate the other German whom he'd met on the internet.

~Michel Houellebecq

It's a curious idea to reproduce when you don't even like life.

~Michel Houellebecq

Tenderness is a deeper instinct than seduction, which is why it is so hard to give up hope.

~Michel Houellebecq

Why am I popular? I don't know. Is it a mistake? I should think it's a mistake somewhere.

~Michel Houellebecq

I'd say that the question whether love still exists plays the same role in my novels as the question of God's existence in Dostoevsky.

~Michel Houellebecq

The most stupid religion is Islam.

~Michel Houellebecq

Adolescence is not only an important period in life, but that it is the only period where one may speak of life in the full sense of the word.

~Michel Houellebecq

People are suspicious of single men on vacation, after they get to a certain age: they assume that they're selfish, and probably a bit pervy. I can't say they're wrong.

~Michel Houellebecq

I prefer reading to writing. Reading changes your world view. Writing changes absolutely nothing. Except, of course, when it makes you rich.

~Michel Houellebecq

To increase desires to an unbearable level whilst making the fulfillment of them more and more inaccessible: this was the single principle upon which Western society was based.

~Michel Houellebecq

In my own writing, I think of myself as a realist who exaggerates a little.

~Michel Houellebecq

Not having anything around to read is dangerous: you have to content yourself with life itself, and that can lead you to take risks.

~Michel Houellebecq

Love binds, and it binds forever. Good binds while evil unravels. Separation is another word for evil; it is also another word for deceit.

~Michel Houellebecq

Active people don't change the world profoundly; ideas do. Napoleon is less important in world history than Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

~Michel Houellebecq

When you read the Koran, you give up. At least the Bible is very beautiful because Jews have an extraordinary literary talent.

~Michel Houellebecq

If life is an illusion it's a pretty painful one.

~Michel Houellebecq

Those who think they know me are simply lacking in information.

~Michel Houellebecq

There is no point in asking me general questions because I am always changing my mind.

~Michel Houellebecq

I don't like this world. I definitely do not like it. The society in which I live disgusts me; advertising sickens me; computers make me puke.

~Michel Houellebecq

The triumph of vegetation is total.

~Michel Houellebecq

Life is painful and disappointing. It is useless, therefore, to write new realistic novels. We generally know where we stand in relation to reality and don't care to know any more.

~Michel Houellebecq

A reactionary is someone who wants to return to a previous state - that's never a possibility in my books. For me, everything's irreversible in the life of a society, as well as an individual's.

~Michel Houellebecq

I am for the muscles. I would like to have a lot of muscles, because women like it. I'm for bodybuilding, but it's very exhausting.

~Michel Houellebecq

Beds last on an average much longer than marriages.

~Michel Houellebecq

As a teenager, Michel believed that suffering conferred dignity on a person. Now he had to admit that he had been wrong. What conferred dignity on people was television.

~Michel Houellebecq

Using a big word like 'plagiarism'... always causes some damage. It will always do lasting damage, like accusations of racism.

~Michel Houellebecq

Islam is a dangerous religion.

~Michel Houellebecq

Now abide beauty, truth, and intensity; but the greatest of these is intensity.

~Michel Houellebecq

I think that if I am notorious, it is because other people have decided

that this is how I should be.

~Michel Houellebecq

I want to be loved despite my faults. It isn't exactly true that I'm a provocateur. A real provocateur is someone who says things he doesn't think, just to shock. I try to say what I think.

~Michel Houellebecq

On Sunday morning I went out for a while in the neighbourhood; I bought some raisin bread. The day was warm but a little sad, as Sundays often are in Paris, especially when one doesn't believe in God.

~Michel Houellebecq

I think it's more difficult to live without a religion, definitely.

~Michel Houellebecq

I tend to think that good and evil exist and that the quantity in each of us is unchangeable. The moral character of people is set, fixed until death.

~Michel Houellebecq

When a country is strong... it accepts any dose of pessimism from its writers.

~Michel Houellebecq

In reality, the monotheist texts preach neither peace, love nor tolerance. They are texts of hate.

~Michel Houellebecq

I think that if writers don't speak about real life, it's because they don't know it.

~Michel Houellebecq

Father died last year. I don't subscribe to the theory by which we only become truly adult when our parents die; we never become truly adult.

~Michel Houellebecq

The press may hate me, and I know my battles with them are not over, but that doesn't matter.

~Michel Houellebecq

Polemical debates happen all the time in France.

~Michel Houellebecq

I admit that invective is one of my pleasures. This only brings me problems in life, but that's it. I attack, I insult. I have a gift for that, for insults, for provocation. So I am tempted to use it.

~Michel Houellebecq

My novels are all ideas.

~Michel Houellebecq

Rumor had it that he was homosexual; in reality, in recent years, he was simply a garden-variety alcoholic.

~Michel Houellebecq

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