

# Nathaniel Hawthorne

## Quotes

*Men, Heart, Dream, May, Love, Book, World, Writing, Death, People, Happiness, Life, Needs, Eye, Nature, Evil, Might, Sunshine, Thinking, Sleep*

Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Happiness is not found in things you possess, but in what you have the courage to release.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

No man for any considerable period can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Every individual has a place to fill in the world and is important in some respect whether he chooses to be so or not.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Words - so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The thing you set your mind on is the thing you ultimately become.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Our most intimate friend is not he to whom we show the worst, but the best of our nature.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Moonlight is sculpture.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

We must not always talk in the market-place of what happens to us in the forest.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

In the depths of every heart there is a tomb and a dungeon, though the lights, the music, and the revelry above may cause us to forget their existence.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Caresses, expressions of one sort or another, are necessary to the life of the affections as leaves are to the life of a tree. If they are wholly restrained, love will die at the roots.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

To do nothing is the way to be nothing.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Let the black flower blossom as it may!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

When scattered clouds are resting on the bosoms of hills, it seems as if one might climb into the heavenly region, earth being so intermixed with sky, and gradually transformed into it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

If the truth were to be known, everyone would be wearing a scarlet letter of one form or another.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

What a happy and holy fashion it is that those who love one another should rest on the same pillow.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Life is made up of marble and mud.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Though we speak nonsense, God will pick out the meaning of it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Echo is the voice of a reflection in a mirror.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

What other dungeon is so dark as one's own heart! What jailer so inexorable as one's self!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Easy reading is damn hard writing.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Every young sculptor seems to think that he must give the world some specimen of indecorous womanhood, and call it Eve, Venus, a Nymph, or any name that may apologize for a lack of decent clothing.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

There is evil in every human heart, which may remain latent, perhaps, through the whole of life; but circumstances may rouse it to activity.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Happiness is like a butterfly.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

What we need for our happiness is often close at hand, if we knew but how to seek for it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A man's bewilderment is the measure of his wisdom.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Accuracy is twin brother to honesty, and inaccuracy to dishonesty.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Cupid in these latter times has probably laid aside his bow and arrow, and uses fire-arms -- a pistol -- perhaps a revolver.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Mountains are earth's undecaying monuments.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The heart of true womanhood knows where its own sphere is, and never seeks to stray beyond it!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Men of cold passions have quick eyes.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

I have laughed, in bitterness and agony of heart, at the contrast between what I seem and what I am!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A pure hand needs no glove to cover it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The marble keeps merely a cold and sad memory of a man who would else be forgotten. No man who needs a monument ever ought to have one.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A hero cannot be a hero unless in a heroic world.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Love, whether newly born, or aroused from a deathlike slumber, must always create sunshine, filling the heart so full of radiance, this it overflows upon the outward world.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Nobody, I think, ought to read poetry, or look at pictures or statues, who cannot find a great deal more in them than the poet or artist has actually expressed. Their highest merit is suggestiveness.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A bodily disease which we look upon as whole and entire within itself, may after all, be but a symptom of some ailment in the spiritual part.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

We sometimes congratulate ourselves at the moment of waking from a troubled dream; it may be so the moment after death.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

What is the voice of song when the world lacks the ear of taste?

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

She had not known the weight until she felt the freedom.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

She poured out the liquid music of her voice to quench the thirst of his spirit.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

And there I sat, long long ago, waiting for the world to know me.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

There is something truer and more real, than what we can see with the eyes, and touch with the finger.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A woman's chastity consists, like an onion, of a series of coats.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Wherever there is a heart and an intellect, the diseases of the physical frame are tinged with the peculiarities of these.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

We men of study, whose heads are in our books, have need to be straightly looked after! We dream in our waking moments, and walk in our sleep.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

I heard a neigh. Oh, such a brisk and melodious neigh it was. My very heart leapt with the sound.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

I find nothing so singular to life as that everything appears to lose its substance the instant one actually grapples with it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Selfishness is one of the qualities apt to inspire love.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A vast deal of human sympathy runs along the electric line of needlework, stretching from the throne to the wicker chair of the humble seamstress.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

We dream in our waking moments, and walk in our sleep.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The trees reflected in the river - they are unconscious of a spiritual world so near to them. So are we.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sunlight is like the breath of life to the pomp of autumn.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings as now in October.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A singular fact, that, when man is a brute, he is the most sensual and loathsome of all brutes.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

There is great incongruity in this idea of monuments, since those to whom they are usually dedicated need no such recognition to embalm their memory; and any man who does, is not worthy of one.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Nobody will use other people's experience, nor have any of his own till it is too late to use it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The inward pleasure of imparting pleasure - that is the choicest of all.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

All brave men love; for he only is brave who has affections to fight for,



whether in the daily battle of life, or in physical contests.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Religion and art spring from the same root and are close kin.  
Economics and art are strangers.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sunlight is painting.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Oh, for the years I have not lived, but only dreamed of living.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

One picture in ten thousand, perhaps, ought to live in the applause of mankind, from generation to generation until the colors fade and blacken out of sight or the canvas rot entirely away.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Some illusions...are the shadows of great truths.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The only sensible ends of literature are, first, the pleasurable toil of writing; second, the gratification of one's family and friends; and lastly, the solid cash.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Is it a fact-or have I dreamt it-that, by means of electricity, the world of matter has become a great nerve, vibrating thousands of miles in a breathless point of time?

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The calmer thought is not always the right thought, just as the distant view is not always the truest view

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

What we call real estate - the solid ground to build a house on - is the broad foundation on which nearly all the guilt of this world rests.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Let men tremble to win the hand of woman, unless they win along with it the utmost passion of her heart!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Mankind are earthen jugs with spirits in them.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Do anything, save to lie down and die!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Generosity is the flower of justice.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

But she named the infant "Pearl," as being of great price-purchased with all she had-her mother's only treasure!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Insincerity in a man's own heart must make all his enjoyments, all that concerns him, unreal; so that his whole life must seem like a merely dramatic representation.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The greatest obstacle to being heroic is the doubt whether one may going to prove one's self a fool.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Life, within doors, has few pleasanter prospects than a neatly-arranged and well-provisioned breakfast-table.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Ugliness without tact is horrible.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Labor is the curse of the world, and nobody can meddle with it without becoming proportionately brutalized.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The world owes all its onward impulses to men ill at ease. The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

You can get assent to almost any proposition so long as you are not going to do anything about it.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

This above all: be true, be true, be true.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Honesty and wisdom are such a delightful pastime, at another person's expense!

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

it is a curious subject of observation and inquiry, whether hatred and love be not the same thing at bottom.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A stale article, if you dip it in a good, warm, sunny smile, will go off better than a fresh one that you've scowled upon.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

It is to the credit of human nature that, except where its selfishness is brought into play, it loves more readily than it hates.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

An unhappy gentleman, resolving to wed nothing short of perfection, keeps his heart and hand till both get so old and withered that no tolerable woman will accept them.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Articulate words are a harsh clamor and dissonance. When man arrives at his highest perfection, he will again be dumb.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

My fortune somewhat resembled that of a person who should entertain an idea of committing suicide, and, altogether beyond his hopes, meet with the good hap to be murdered.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The love of posterity is the consequence of the necessity of death. If a man were sure of living forever here, he would not care about his offspring.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

This world owes all its forward impulses to people ill at ease.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Death should take me while I am in the mood.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

A man--poet, prophet, or whatever he may be--readily persuades himself of his right to all the worship that is voluntarily tendered.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Death is so genuine a fact that it excludes falsehoods, or betrays its emptiness; it is a touchstone that proves the gold, and dishonors the baser metal.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Death possesses a good deal, of real estate, namely, the graveyard in every town.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

The world, that grey-bearded and wrinkled profligate, decrepit, without being venerable.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

Shall we never never get rid of this Past? ... It lies upon the Present like a giant's dead body.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

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