

Ogden Nash Quotes

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Inspiration, Husband, Fun, Love, Mind, Drinking, Wind, Time, Heart, Age, Food*

Some tortures are physical And some are mental, But the one that is both Is dental.

~Ogden Nash

Middle-age is when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you.

~Ogden Nash

I would live all my life in nonchalance and insouciance, were it not for making living, which is rather a nouchiance.

~Ogden Nash

The door of a bigoted mind opens outwards so that the only result of the pressure of facts upon it is to close it more snugly.

~Ogden Nash

Happiness is having a scratch for every itch.

~Ogden Nash

Behold the Zebra on the plains, And shudder at his mighty manes!

~Ogden Nash

The bed is a bundle of paradoxes: we go to it with reluctance, yet we quit it with regret; we make up our minds every night to leave it early, but we make up our bodies every morning to keep it late.

~Ogden Nash

Whenever you're wrong, admit it; Whenever you're right, shut up.

~Ogden Nash

When I remember bygone days I think how evening follows morn So many I loved were not yet dead, So many I love were not yet born.

~Ogden Nash

Marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other who never forgets them.

~Ogden Nash

I think progress began to retrogress when Wilbur and Orville started tinkering around in Dayton and at Kitty Hawk, because I believe that two Wrights made a wrong.

~Ogden Nash

There was a young man of Herne Bay who was making some fireworks one day: but he dropped his cigar in the gunpowder jar. There was a young man of Herne Bay.

~Ogden Nash

If you don't want to work, you have to work to earn enough money so that you won't have to work.

~Ogden Nash

Some debts are fun while you are acquiring them, But none are fun when you set about retiring them.

~Ogden Nash

Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker.

~Ogden Nash

I drink because she nags, she said I nag because he drinks. But if the truth be known to you, He's a lush and she's a shrew.

~Ogden Nash

Tonight's December thirty-first, something is about to burst. The clock is crouching, dark and small, like a time bomb in the hall. Hark, it's midnight, children dear. Duck! Here comes another year!

~Ogden Nash

Progress might have been all right once, but it's gone on too long.

~Ogden Nash

One thing that literature would be greatly the better for Would be a more restricted employment by authors of simile and metaphor.

~Ogden Nash

There has been a lot of progress during my lifetime, but I'm afraid it's heading in the wrong direction.

~Ogden Nash

Beneath this slab John Brown is stowed. He watched the ads, And not the road.

~Ogden Nash

The oboe's a horn made of wood. I'd play you a tune if I could, But the reeds are a pain, And the fingering's insane. It's the ill wind that no one blows good.

~Ogden Nash

No matter how deep and dark your pit, how dank your shroud, their heads are heroically unbloody and unbowed.

~Ogden Nash

I am a conscientious man, when I throw rocks at seabirds I leave no tern unstoned.

~Ogden Nash

Remorse is violent dyspepsia of the mind.

~Ogden Nash

When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window.

~Ogden Nash

Man is a victim of dope in the incurable form of hope.

~Ogden Nash

Professional men, they have no cares; whatever happens, they get theirs.

~Ogden Nash

People who work sitting down get paid more than people who work standing up.

~Ogden Nash

Too much Chablis can make you whablis.

~Ogden Nash

If some confectioners were willing To let the shape announce the filling,
We'd encounter fewer assorted chocs, Bitten into and returned to the box.

~Ogden Nash

No, you never get any fun Out of the things you haven't done.

~Ogden Nash

The truth I do not stretch or shove When I state the dog is full of love.
I've also proved, by actual test, A wet dog is the lovingest.

~Ogden Nash

Time is so old and love so brief, love is pure gold and time a thief.
We're late, darling, we're late, The curtain descends, everything ends,
too soon, too soon.

~Ogden Nash

No man is greater than his respect for sleep.

~Ogden Nash

Authors of all races, be they Greeks, Romans, Teutons, or Celts, Can't seem just to say anything is the thing it is but have to go out of their way to say that it is like something else.

~Ogden Nash

I test my bath before I sit, And I'm always moved to wonderment That what chills the finger not a bit Is so frigid upon the fundament.

~Ogden Nash

The only incurable troubles of the rich are the troubles that money can't cure, Which is a kind of trouble that is even more troublesome if you are poor.

~Ogden Nash

I believe that people believe what they believe they believe.

~Ogden Nash

Life is not having been told that the man has just waxed the floor.

~Ogden Nash

Here lies my past, Goodbye I have kissed it; Thank you kids, I wouldn't have missed it.

~Ogden Nash

When I ponder my mind I consistently find It is glued On food.

~Ogden Nash

It is the sin of omission, the second kind of sin, That lays eggs under your skin.

~Ogden Nash

When there are monsters there are miracles.

~Ogden Nash

Never befriend the oppressed unless you are prepared to take on the oppressor.

~Ogden Nash

There once was an umpire whose vision
Was cause for abuse and derision
He remarked in surprise, 'Why pick on my eyes?
It's my heart that dictates my decision.'

~Ogden Nash

A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of.

~Ogden Nash

The more you earn, the less you keep,
And now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to take,
If the tax-collector hasn't got it before I wake.

~Ogden Nash

And you stagger down to break your fast.
Greasy bacon and lacquered eggs
And coffee composed of frigid dregs.

~Ogden Nash

There is something about a martini,
Ere the dining and dancing begin,
And to tell you the truth, It is not the vermouth-
I think that perhaps it's the gin.

~Ogden Nash

Indoors or out, no one relaxes
In March, that month of wind and taxes,
The wind will presently disappear,
The taxes last us all the year.

~Ogden Nash

Miranda in Miranda's sight is old, gray and dirty;
Twenty-nine she was last night;
This morning she is thirty.

~Ogden Nash

A husband is a guy who tells you when you've got on too much lipstick and helps you with your girdle when your hips stick.

~Ogden Nash

Celery, raw, Develops the jaw

~Ogden Nash

God in His wisdom made the fly And then forgot to tell us why.

~Ogden Nash

I think that I shall never see A billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.

~Ogden Nash

Bankers are just like anybody else, only richer

~Ogden Nash

A bit of talcum Is always walcum.

~Ogden Nash

Senescence begins And middle-age ends The day your descendants Outnumber your friends

~Ogden Nash

The trouble with a kitten is that eventually it becomes a cat.

~Ogden Nash

One thing about the past. It's likely to last.

~Ogden Nash

In the world of mules there are no rules.

~Ogden Nash

Wind is caused by the trees waving their branches.

~Ogden Nash

I claim there ain't Another Saint As great as Valentine.

~Ogden Nash

But all ladies think they weigh too much.

~Ogden Nash

Humor is hope's companion in arms. It is not brash, it is not cheap, it is not heartless. Among other things I think humor is a shield, a weapon, a survival kit.

~Ogden Nash

The camel has a single hump, The dromedary, two; Or else the other way around; I'm never sure. Are you?

~Ogden Nash

Time is like the ocean, always there, always different.

~Ogden Nash

The noblest lord is ushered in By the practicing physician, And the humblest lout is ushered out By a certified mortician. And in between, they find their foyers Alive with summonses from lawyers.

~Ogden Nash

A dressing is not a compote A dressing is not a custard It consists of pepper and salt, Vinegar, oil and mustard.

~Ogden Nash

Home is heaven and orgies are vile, But I like an orgy, once in a while.

~Ogden Nash

Indeed, everybody wants to be a wow, But not everybody knows exactly how.

~Ogden Nash

The cow is of the bovine ilk: One end is moo, the other, milk.

~Ogden Nash

Some primal termite knocked on wood. And tasted it, and found it good.
And that is why your Cousin May Fell through the parlor floor today.

~Ogden Nash

How easy for those who do not bulge to not overindulge!

~Ogden Nash

The reason for much matrimony is patrimony.

~Ogden Nash

Your hair may be brushed, but your mind's untidy. You've had about
seven hours of sleep since Friday. No wonder you feel that lost
sensation. You're sunk from a riot of relaxation.

~Ogden Nash

Stuyvesant chats with Kelly and Katz, The professor warms to the
broker, And life is good in the brotherhood Of an air-conditioned
smoker.

~Ogden Nash

O thrice unhappy home Whose master doesn't know the difference
between a watt and an ohm!

~Ogden Nash

There is one fault that I must find With the twentieth century. And I'll put
it in a couple of words; Too adventury. What I'd like would be some nice
dull monotony If anyone's gotony.

~Ogden Nash

My garden will never make me famous, I'm a horticultural ignoramus.

~Ogden Nash

You are much happier when you are happy than when you ain't.

~Ogden Nash

Where there is a monster, there is a miracle.

~Ogden Nash

Here's a good rule of thumb; too clever is dumb.

~Ogden Nash

I have an idea that the phrase weaker sex was coined by some woman to disarm some man she was preparing to overwhelm.

~Ogden Nash

I think remorse ought to stop biting the consciences that feed it.

~Ogden Nash

They take the paper and they read the headlines. So they've heard of unemployment and they've heard of bread-lines. And they philanthropically cure them all by getting up a costume charity ball.

~Ogden Nash

Then here's to the heartening wassail, Wherever good fellows are found; Be its master instead of its vassal, and order the glasses around.

~Ogden Nash

Every new year is the direct descendant, isn't it, of a long line of proven criminals?

~Ogden Nash

Every Englishman is convinced of one thing, viz.: That to be an

Englishman is to belong to the most exclusive club there is.

~Ogden Nash

Smallpox is natural; vaccine ain't.

~Ogden Nash

Another good thing about gossip is that it is within everybody's reach,
And it is much more interesting than any other form of speech.

~Ogden Nash

Nobody agrees with anybody else anyhow, but adults conceal it and
infants show it.

~Ogden Nash

A bird in the open never looks Like its picture in the birdie books - Or if
it once did, it has changed its plumage, And plunges you back into
ignorant gloomage.

~Ogden Nash

I hope my tongue in prune juice smothers, If I belittle dogs and mothers.

~Ogden Nash

Life has a tendency to obfuscate and bewilder, Such as fating us to
spend the first part of our lives being embarrassed by our parents and
the last part being embarrassed by our children.

~Ogden Nash

When you're wrong admit it, when you're right, shut up.

~Ogden Nash

Women would rather be right than reasonable.

~Ogden Nash

Oh, what a tangled web do parents weave, when they think that their children are naive.

~Ogden Nash

The Pig, if I am not mistaken, Supplies us sausage, ham, and Bacon.
Let others say his heart is big, I think it stupid of the Pig.

~Ogden Nash

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