

Ouida Quotes

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An easy-going husband is the one indispensable comfort of life.

~Ouida

Emulation is active virtue; envy is brooding malice.

~Ouida

Scandals are like dandelion seeds--they are arrow-headed, and stick where they fall, and bring forth and multiply fourfold.

~Ouida

Petty laws breed great crimes.

~Ouida

Intensely selfish people are always very decided as to what they wish. They do not waste their energies in considering the good of others.

~Ouida

Brussels is a gay little city that lies as bright within its girdle of woodland as any butterfly that rests upon moss.

~Ouida

Could we see when and where we are to meet again, we would be more tender when we bid our friends goodbye.

~Ouida

Music is not a science any more than poetry is. It is a sublime instinct, like genius of all kinds.

~Ouida

I do not wish to be a coward like the father of mankind and throw the blame upon a woman.

~Ouida

Even of death Christianity has made a terror which was unknown to the

gay calmness of the Pagan and the stoical repose of the Indian.

~Ouida

A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run.

~Ouida

Familiarity is a magician that is cruel to beauty but kind to ugliness.

~Ouida

A great love is an absolute isolation and an absolute absorption.

~Ouida

Humiliation is a guest that only comes to those who have made ready his resting-place, and will give him a fair welcome. ... no one can disgrace you save yourself.

~Ouida

There is a chord in every heart that has a sigh in it if touched aright.

~Ouida

for what is the gift of the poet and the artist except to see the sights which others cannot see and to hear the sounds that others cannot hear?

~Ouida

Take hope from the heart of man, and you make him a beast of prey.

~Ouida

The loss of our illusions is the only loss from which we never recover.

~Ouida

Indifference is the invincible grant of the world.

~Ouida

Excess always carries its own retribution.

~Ouida

A little scandal is an excellent thing; nobody is ever brighter or happier of tongue than when he is making mischief of his neighbors.

~Ouida

Truth is a rough, honest, helter-skelter terrier that none like to see brought into their drawing rooms.

~Ouida

To vice, innocence must always seem only a superior kind of chicanery.

~Ouida

Men are always optimists when they look inwards, and pessimists when they look round them.

~Ouida

Fame! it is the flower of a day, that dies when the next sun rises.

~Ouida

It is only to those who have never lived that death ever can seem beautiful.

~Ouida

The heart of silver falls ever into the hands of brass. The sensitive herb is eaten as grass by the swine.

~Ouida

It is a kind of blindness--poverty. We can only grope through life when we are poor, hitting and maiming ourselves against every angle.

~Ouida

Genius cannot escape the taint of its time more than a child the influence of its begetting.

~Ouida

Youth without faith is a day without sun.

~Ouida

It is hard work to be good when you are very little and very hungry, and have many sticks to beat you, and no mother's lips to kiss you.

~Ouida

We only see clearly when we have reached the depths of woe.

~Ouida

It is quite easy for stupid people to be happy; they believe in fables, and they trot on in a beaten track like a horse on a tramway.

~Ouida

There is no knife that cuts so sharply and with such poisoned blade as treachery.

~Ouida

Excess always carries it's own retributions.

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There is a self-evident axiom, that she who is born a beauty is half married.

~Ouida

Charity in various guises is an intruder the poor see often; but courtesy and delicacy are visitants with which they are seldom honored.

~Ouida

The fire of true enthusiasm is like the fires of Baku, which no water can

ever quench, and which burn steadily on from night to day, and year to year, because their well-spring is eternal.

~Ouida

The scorn of genius is the most arrogant and the most boundless of all scorn.

~Ouida

Dishonor is like the Aaron's Beard in the hedgerows; it can only poison if it be plucked.

~Ouida

Why is youth so short and age so long?

~Ouida

age is nothing but death that is conscious.

~Ouida

Woman's fatal weakness is to desire sympathy and comprehension.

--"Wanda

~Ouida

Count art by gold, and it fetters the feet it once winged.

~Ouida

Fancy tortures more people than does reality

~Ouida

Hypocrites weep, and you cannot tell their tears from those of saints; but no bad man ever laughed sweetly yet.

~Ouida

The art of pleasing is more based on the art of seeming pleased than people think of, and she disarmed the prejudices of her enemies by the

unaffected delight she appeared to take in themselves.

~Ouida

Honor is an old-world thing; but it smells sweet to those in whose hand it is strong.

~Ouida

A pipe is a pocket philosopher,--a truer one than Socrates, for it never asks questions. Socrates must have been very tiresome, when one thinks of it.

~Ouida

When one has not father, or mother, or brother, and all one's friends have barely bread enough for themselves, life cannot be very easy, nor its crusts very many at any time.

~Ouida

Fame has only the span of the day, they say. But to live in the hearts of people-that is worth something.

~Ouida

Imagination without culture is crippled and moves slowly; but it can be pure imagination, and rich also, as folk-lore will tell the vainest.

~Ouida

What is failure except feebleness? And what is it to miss one's mark except to aim widely and weakly?

~Ouida

I have known men who have been sold and bought a hundred times, who have only got very fat and very comfortable in the process of exchange.

~Ouida

Woman already controls by not seeming to do so. Talk no more of her rights.

~Ouida

What we love once, we love forever. Shall there be joy in heaven over those who repent, yet no forgiveness for them upon earth? --"Wanda

~Ouida

Talent wears well, genius wears itself out; talent drives a snug brougham in fact; genius, a sun-chariot in fancy.

~Ouida

When passion and habit long lie in company it is only slowly and with incredulity that habit awakens to find its companion fled, itself alone.

~Ouida

Indifference is the invisible giant of the world.

~Ouida

A just chastisement may benefit a man, though it seldom does; but an unjust one changes all his blood to gall.

~Ouida

Christianity has been cruel in much to the human race. It has quenched much of the sweet joy and gladness of life; it has caused the natural passions and affections of it to be held as sins.

~Ouida

I have met a thousand scamps; but I never met one who considered himself so. Self-knowledge isn't so common.

~Ouida

There is nothing that you may not get people to believe in if you will only tell it them loud enough and often enough, till the welkin rings with

it.

~Ouida

When you talk yourself, you think how witty, how original, how acute you are; but when another does so, you are very apt to think only - What a crib from Rochefoucauld!

~Ouida

Christianity is a formula: it is nothing more.

~Ouida

you have not a boat of your own, that is just it; that is what women always suffer from; they have to steer, but the craft is some one else's, and the haul too.

~Ouida

Dissimulation is the only thing that makes society possible; without its amenities the world would be a bear-garden.

~Ouida

The radical defect in Christianity is that it tried to win the world by a bribe, and it has become a nullity.

~Ouida

Friendship is such an elastic word. There never was an age when it stood for so many things in private, and was yet so absolutely non-existent in fact.

~Ouida

The world never leaves one in ignorance or in peace.

~Ouida

A new life is innocent, like an empty page, ready for the hard lessons ahead. GENNITA LOW, Facing Fear To vice, innocence must always

seem only a superior kind of chicanery.

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Great men have always had dogs.

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Friendship is usually treated...as a tough...thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unwise word.

~Ouida

The song that we hear with our ears is only the song that is sung in our hearts.

~Ouida

One must pray first, but afterwards one must help oneself. God does not care for cowards.

~Ouida

Christianity has ever been the enemy of human love.

~Ouida

Opposition to a man in love is like oil to fire.

~Ouida

You know the Ark of Israel and the calf of Belial were both made of gold. Religion has never yet changed the metal of her one adoration.

~Ouida

Women hope that the dead love may revive; but men know that of all dead things none are so past recall as a dead passion.

~Ouida

Coleridge cried; "O God, how glorious it is to live!" Renan asks, "O God,

when will it be worth while to live?" In Nature we echo the poet; in the world we echo the thinker.

~Ouida

Belief of some sort is the lifeblood of Art.

~Ouida

Who has passed by the fates of disillusion has died twice.

~Ouida

No great talker ever did any great thing yet, in this world.

~Ouida

Fame nowadays is little else but notoriety.

~Ouida

The joy of a strong nature is as cloudless as its suffering is desolate.

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Great men always have dogs.

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Histories in blazonry and poems in stone.

~Ouida

Charity is a flower not naturally of earthly growth, and it needs manuring with a promise of profit.

~Ouida

Love is cruel as the grave.

~Ouida

Death! It is rest to the aged, it is oblivion to the atheist, it is immortality to the poet!

~Ouida

It needs a great nature to bear the weight of a great gratitude.

~Ouida

It is the north wind that lashes men into Vikings; it is the soft, luscious south wind which lulls them to lotus dreams.

~Ouida

Friendship needs to be rooted in respect, but love can live upon itself alone

~Ouida

There is no applause that so flatters a man as that which he wrings from unwilling throats.

~Ouida

Most crimes are sanctioned in some form or other when they take grand names.

~Ouida

nothing is so pleasant ... as to display your worldly wisdom in epigram and dissertation, but it is a trifle tedious to hear another person display theirs.

~Ouida

Power is sweet, and when you are a little clerk you love its sweetness quite as much as if you were an emperor, and maybe you love it a good deal more.

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