

# P. G. Wodehouse

## Quotes

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Why don't you get a haircut? You look like a chrysanthemum.

~P. G. Wodehouse

There is only one cure for gray hair. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.

~P. G. Wodehouse

There is no surer foundation for a beautiful friendship than a mutual taste in literature.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is never difficult to distinguish between a Scotsman with a grievance and a ray of sunshine.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I always advise people never to give advice.

~P. G. Wodehouse

The fascination of shooting as a sport depends almost wholly on whether you are at the right or wrong end of the gun.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It was my Uncle George who discovered that alcohol was a food well in advance of modern medical thought.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Gussie, a glutton for punishment, stared at himself in the mirror.

~P. G. Wodehouse

As we grow older and realize more clearly the limitations of human happiness, we come to see that the only real and abiding pleasure in life is to give pleasure to other people.

~P. G. Wodehouse

The voice of Love seemed to call to me, but it was a wrong number.

~P. G. Wodehouse

A melancholy-looking man, he had the appearance of one who has searched for the leak in life's gas-pipe with a lighted candle.

~P. G. Wodehouse

One of the drawbacks to life is that it contains moments when one is compelled to tell the truth.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Everything in life that's any fun, as somebody wisely observed, is either immoral, illegal or fattening.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It was one of the dullest speeches I ever heard. The Agee woman told us for three quarters of an hour how she came to write her beastly book, when a simple apology was all that was required.

~P. G. Wodehouse

At the age of eleven or thereabouts women acquire a poise and an ability to handle difficult situations which a man, if he is lucky, manages to achieve somewhere in the later seventies.

~P. G. Wodehouse

As Shakespeare says, if you're going to do a thing you might as well pop right at it and get it over.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Slice him where you like, a hellhound is always a hellhound.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Every author really wants to have letters printed in the papers. Unable to make the grade, he drops down a rung of the ladder and writes

novels.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Sober or blotto, this is your motto: keep muddling through.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is no use telling me there are bad aunts and good aunts. At the core, they are all alike. Sooner or later, out pops the cloven hoof.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Unseen in the background, Fate was quietly slipping lead into the boxing-glove.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is true of course, that I have a will of iron, but it can be switched off if the circumstances seem to demand it.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Some minds are like soup in a poor restaurantâ€”better left unstirred.

~P. G. Wodehouse

There are moments, Jeeves, when one asks oneself, 'Do trousers matter?' "The mood will pass, sir.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I just sit at a typewriter and curse a bit.

~P. G. Wodehouse

An apple a day, if well aimed, keeps the doctor away.

~P. G. Wodehouse

There are three things in the world that he held in the smallest esteem - slugs, poets and caddies with hiccups.

~P. G. Wodehouse

She looked as if she had been poured into her clothes and had forgotten to say 'when.'

~P. G. Wodehouse

My motto is 'Love and let love' - with the one stipulation that people who love in glass-houses should breathe on the windows.

~P. G. Wodehouse

The least thing upset him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of the butterflies in the adjoining meadows.

~P. G. Wodehouse

What's the use of a great city having temptations if fellows don't yield to them?

~P. G. Wodehouse

If you could call the thing a horse. If it hadn't shown a flash of speed in the straight, it would have got mixed up with the next race.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It has been well said that an author who expects results from a first novel is in a position similar to that of a man who drops a rose petal down the Grand Canyon of Arizona and listens for the echo.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Oh, I don't know, you know, don't you know?

~P. G. Wodehouse

It isn't often that Aunt Dahlia lets her angry passions rise, but when she does, strong men climb trees and pull them up after them.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Why do dachshunds wear their ears inside out?

~P. G. Wodehouse

I always strive, when I can, to spread sweetness and light. There have been several complaints about it.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Mike nodded. A sombre nod. The nod Napoleon might have given if somebody had met him in 1812 and said, "So, you're back from Moscow, eh?"

~P. G. Wodehouse

As a child of eight Mr. Trout had once kissed a girl of six under the mistletoe at a Christmas party, but there his sex life had come to abrupt halt.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is a good rule in life never to apologize. The right sort of people do not want apologies, and the wrong sort take a mean advantage of them.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Red hair, sir, in my opinion, is dangerous.

~P. G. Wodehouse

He had the look of one who had drunk the cup of life and found a dead beetle at the bottom.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Half a league Half a league Half a league onward With a hey-nonny-nonny And a hot cha-cha.

~P. G. Wodehouse

That is life. Just one long succession of misunderstandings and rash acts and what not. Absolutely.

~P. G. Wodehouse

If men's minds were like dominoes, surely his would be the double blank.

~P. G. Wodehouse

This was not Aunt Dahlia, my good and kindly aunt, but my Aunt Agatha, the one who chews broken bottles and kills rats with her teeth.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Golf, like measles, should be caught young.

~P. G. Wodehouse

If there is one thing I dislike, it is the man who tries to air his grievances when I wish to air mine.

~P. G. Wodehouse

But everything is relative, Bertie... You, for instance, are my relative, and I am your relative.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Alcohol is a misunderstood vitamin.

~P. G. Wodehouse

And she's got brains enough for two, which is the exact quantity the girl who marries you will need.

~P. G. Wodehouse

The real objection to the great majority of cats is their insufferable air of superiority.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Boyhood, like measles, is one of those complaints which a man should catch young and have done with, for when it comes in middle life it is apt to be serious.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Golf, like the measles, should be caught young, for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Love has had a lot of press-agenting from the oldest times; but there are higher, nobler things than love.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Hugo?' 'Millicent?' 'Is that you?' 'Yes. Is that you?' 'Yes.' Anything in the nature of misunderstanding was cleared away. It was both of them.

~P. G. Wodehouse

The drowsy stillness of the afternoon was shattered by what sounded to his strained senses like G.K. Chesterton falling on a sheet of tin.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I never want to see anyone, and I never want to go anywhere or do anything. I just want to write.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It was loud in spots and less loud in other spots, and it had that quality which I have noticed in all violin solos of seeming to last much longer than it actually did.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Intoxicated? The word did not express it by a mile. He was oiled, boiled, fried, plastered, whiffled, sozzled, and blotto.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Has anybody ever seen a dramatic critic in the daytime? Of course not. They come out after dark, up to no good.

~P. G. Wodehouse



I pity the shrimp that matches wits with you Jeeves

~P. G. Wodehouse

Sudden success in golf is like the sudden acquisition of wealth. It is apt to unsettle and deteriorate the character.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I don't know if you have had the same experience, but the snag I always come up against when I'm telling a story is this dashed difficult problem of where to begin it.

~P. G. Wodehouse

He had just about enough intelligence to open his mouth when he wanted to eat, but certainly no more.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Flowers are happy things.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is fatal to let any dog know that he is funny, for he immediately loses his head and starts hamming it up.

~P. G. Wodehouse

[I'm] as broke as the ten commandments.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Always get to the dialogue as soon as possible. I always feel the thing to go for is speed. Nothing puts the reader off more than a big slab of prose at the start.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Success comes to a writer as a rule, so gradually that it is always something of a shock to him to look back and realize the heights to which he has climbed.

~P. G. Wodehouse

To find a man's true character, play golf with him.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Her pupils were at once her salvation and her despair. They gave her the means of supporting life, but they made life hardly worth supporting.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Like so many substantial citizens of America, he had married young and kept on marrying, springing from blonde to blonde like the chamois of the Alps leaping from crag to crag.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I suppose half the time Shakespeare just shoved down anything that came into his head.

~P. G. Wodehouse

She looked away. Her attitude seemed to suggest that she had finished with him, and would be obliged if somebody would come and sweep him up.

~P. G. Wodehouse

They were real golfers, for real golf is a thing of the spirit, not of mere mechanical excellence of stroke.

~P. G. Wodehouse

He groaned slightly and winced like Prometheus watching his vulture dropping in for lunch.

~P. G. Wodehouse

When you're alone you don't do much laughing.

~P. G. Wodehouse

She had more curves than a scenic railway

~P. G. Wodehouse

To say that New York came up to its advance billing would be the baldest of understatements. Being there was like being in heaven without going to all the bother and expense of dying.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I turned on the pillow with a little moan, and at this juncture Jeeves entered with the vital oolong. I clutched at it like a drowning man at a straw hat.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Judges, as a class, display, in the matter of arranging alimony, that reckless generosity which is found only in men who are giving away someone else's cash.

~P. G. Wodehouse

She looked like something that might have occurred to Ibsen in one of his less frivolous moments.

~P. G. Wodehouse

A golfer needs a loving wife to whom he can describe the day's play through the long evening.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Another of these strong silent men. The world is full of us.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Chumps always make the best husbands. All the unhappy marriages come from the husbands having brains.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Marriage is not a process for prolonging the life of love, sir. It merely

mummifies its corpse.

~P. G. Wodehouse

When a girl uses six derogatory adjectives in her attempt to paint the portrait of the loved one, it means something. One may indicate a merely temporary tiff. Six is big stuff.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is the glorious uncertainty of golf that makes it the game it is.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It is the bungled crime that brings remorse.

~P. G. Wodehouse

A lesser moustache, under the impact of that quick, agonised expulsion of breath, would have worked loose at the roots.

~P. G. Wodehouse

She had a penetrating sort of laugh. Rather like a train going into a tunnel.

~P. G. Wodehouse

A little bit added to what you've already got gives you a little bit more.

~P. G. Wodehouse

Dark hair fell in a sweep over his forehead. He looked like a man who would write vers libre, as indeed he did.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I was in rare fettle and the heart had touched a new high. I don't know anything that braces one up like finding you haven't got to get married after all.

~P. G. Wodehouse

It ought to be a criminal offence for women to dye their hair. Especially red. What the devil do women do that sort of thing for?

~P. G. Wodehouse

"After all, golf is only a game", said Millicent. Women say these things without thinking. It does not mean that there is any kink in their character. They simply don't realise what they are saying.

~P. G. Wodehouse

He was white and shaken, like a dry martini.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I hadn't the heart to touch my breakfast. I told Jeeves to drink it himself.

~P. G. Wodehouse

I know I was writing stories when I was five. I don't know what I did before that. Just loafed I suppose.

~P. G. Wodehouse

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