

# Peter Mayle Quotes

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Good manners make any man a pleasure to be with. Ask any woman.

~Peter Mayle

Depending on the inflection, ah bon can express shock, disbelief, indifference, irritation, or joy - a remarkable achievement for two short words.

~Peter Mayle

Best advice I've ever received: Finish.

~Peter Mayle

I'd rather live precariously in my own office than comfortably in somebody else's.

~Peter Mayle

The English kill their meat twice: once when they slaughter it and once when they cook it.

~Peter Mayle

No matter what their background, the southern French are fascinated by food.

~Peter Mayle

Nowadays, if you have a journey, albeit a simple one, you consider yourself lucky if nothing happens.

~Peter Mayle

Why not make a daily pleasure out a daily necessity.

~Peter Mayle

You don't like it when a French housewife gets mad at you. If she gets steam behind her, she is an unstoppable creature.

~Peter Mayle

I have a very set routine. I work six days a week, but only half days. I work from 9 in the morning till 1 in the afternoon, without any interruptions, a fair slug.

~Peter Mayle

I left school at 16 and skipped university to work, initially as a waiter. I think I missed out on what would have been great years.

~Peter Mayle

The funny thing in France is that writers are not allowed to retire, because the French government say you are still earning money from books you wrote 20 years ago.

~Peter Mayle

Very little happens in my books.

~Peter Mayle

Sundays in France have a different atmosphere to other days, with fewer phone calls, no postman, no delivery men and no one banging on the door.

~Peter Mayle

There is nothing like a comfortable adventure to put people in a good humor. . .

~Peter Mayle

Prescription for writer's block: fear of poverty.

~Peter Mayle

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