

# Ray Bradbury

## Quotes

*Writing, Book, People, Thinking, Running, Men, Years, Night, Reading, Believe,  
Real, Art, Library, Children, World, Life, Eye, Stories, Long, Want*

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.

~Ray Bradbury

Living at risk is jumping off the cliff and building your wings on the way down.

~Ray Bradbury

Jump, and you will find out how to unfold your wings as you fall.

~Ray Bradbury

Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything.

~Ray Bradbury

Don't think. Thinking is the enemy of creativity. It's self-conscious, and anything self-conscious is lousy. You can't try to do things. You simply must do things.

~Ray Bradbury

Sometimes you just have to jump out the window and grow wings on the way down.

~Ray Bradbury

I know you've heard it a thousand times before. But it's true - hard work pays off. If you want to be good, you have to practice, practice, practice. If you don't love something, then don't do it.

~Ray Bradbury

Insanity is relative. It depends on who has who locked in what cage.

~Ray Bradbury

You must stay drunk on writing so reality cannot destroy you.

~Ray Bradbury

Stuff your eyes with wonder, live as if you'd drop dead in ten seconds. See the world. It's more fantastic than any dream made or paid for in factories.

~Ray Bradbury

Write a short story every week. It's not possible to write 52 bad short stories in a row.

~Ray Bradbury

If you enjoy living, it is not difficult to keep the sense of wonder.

~Ray Bradbury

I like to watch people. Sometimes I ride the subway all day and look at them and listen to them. I just want to figure out who they are and what they want and where they're going.

~Ray Bradbury

If we try to deny the darkness in our souls then we'll become completely dark.

~Ray Bradbury

Ideas excite me, and as soon as I get excited, the adrenaline gets going and the next thing I know I'm borrowing energy from the ideas themselves.

~Ray Bradbury

We are cups, constantly and quietly being filled. The trick is knowing how to tip ourselves over and let the beautiful stuff out.

~Ray Bradbury

Heaven is a house with porch lights.

~Ray Bradbury

The best scientist is open to experience and begins with romance - the

idea that anything is possible.

~Ray Bradbury

You can make yourself happy or miserable - it's the same amount of effort.

~Ray Bradbury

Every morning I jump out of bed and step on a landmine. The landmine is me. After the explosion, I spent the rest of the day putting the pieces together.

~Ray Bradbury

I often wonder if God recognizes His own son the way we've dressed him up, or is it dressed him down?

~Ray Bradbury

If you hide your ignorance, no one will hit you and you'll never learn.

~Ray Bradbury

You have to know how to accept rejection and reject acceptance.

~Ray Bradbury

We travel for romance, we travel for architecture, and we travel to be lost.

~Ray Bradbury

Learning to let go should be learned before learning to get. Life should be touched, not strangled.

~Ray Bradbury

Treasure this day and Treasure yourself, truly, neither will ever happen again.

~Ray Bradbury

The jungle looked back at them with a vastness, a breathing moss-and-leaf silence, with a billion diamond and emerald insect eyes.

~Ray Bradbury

Love. Fall in love and stay in love. Write only what you love, and love what you write. The key word is love. You have to get up in the morning and write something you love, something to live for.

~Ray Bradbury

I don't try to describe the future. I try to prevent it.

~Ray Bradbury

If you dream the proper dreams, and share the myths with people, they will want to grow up to be like you.

~Ray Bradbury

How working for the wrong motives poisons our creativity and warps our ideas of success and failure.

~Ray Bradbury

Anything you dream is fiction, and anything you accomplish is science, the whole history of mankind is nothing but science fiction.

~Ray Bradbury

I'm interested in having fun with ideas, throwing them up in the air like confetti and then running under them.

~Ray Bradbury

Half the fun of the travel is the esthetic of lostness.

~Ray Bradbury

I don't think the robots are taking over. I think the men who play with toys have taken over. And if we don't take the toys out of their hands, we're fools.

~Ray Bradbury

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I have my favorite cat, who is my paperweight, on my desk while I am writing.

~Ray Bradbury

Love what you do and do what you love. Don't listen to anyone else who tells you not to do it. You do what you want, what you love. Imagination should be the center of your life.

~Ray Bradbury

You can't try to do things; you simply must do them.

~Ray Bradbury

Love is the answer to everything. It's the only reason to do anything.

~Ray Bradbury

Do what you love and love what you do. Don't do anything for money. Everything should be for love.

~Ray Bradbury

Too late, I found you can't wait to become perfect, you got to go out and fall down and get up with everybody else.

~Ray Bradbury

Just write every day of your life. Read intensely. Then see what happens. Most of my friends who are put on that diet have very pleasant careers.

~Ray Bradbury

There's no use going to school unless your final destination is the

library.

~Ray Bradbury

Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.

~Ray Bradbury

See the world. It's more fantastic than any dream.

~Ray Bradbury

The books are to remind us what asses and fools we are.

~Ray Bradbury

Creativity is a continual surprise.

~Ray Bradbury

I have never listened to anyone who criticized my taste in space travel, sideshows or gorillas. When this occurs, I pack up my dinosaurs and leave the room.

~Ray Bradbury

The years go by. The time, it does fly. Every single second is a moment in time that passes. And it seems like nothing - but when you're looking back ... well, it amounts to everything.

~Ray Bradbury

There was her face, like a summer peach, beautiful and warm, and the light of the candles reflected in her dark eyes. [He] held his breath. The entire world waited and held its breath.

~Ray Bradbury

I don't need an alarm clock. My ideas wake me.

~Ray Bradbury

Your intuition knows what to write, so get out of the way.

~Ray Bradbury

There is more than one way to burn a book.

~Ray Bradbury

You've got to jump off cliffs and build your wings on the way down.

~Ray Bradbury

The zipper displaces the button and a man lacks just that much time to think while dressing at dawn, a philosophical hour, and thus a melancholy hour.

~Ray Bradbury

It's not going to do any good to land on Mars if we're stupid.

~Ray Bradbury

We need not to be let alone. We need to be really bothered once in a while. How long is it since you were really bothered? About something important, about something real?

~Ray Bradbury

An athlete may run ten thousand miles in order to prepare for one hundred yards. Quantity gives experience.

~Ray Bradbury

I hate all politics. I don't like either political party. One should not belong to them - one should be an individual, standing in the middle. Anyone that belongs to a party stops thinking.

~Ray Bradbury

The terrible tyranny of the majority.

~Ray Bradbury

I love all of the arts. I love motion pictures. I love stage. I love theater.



~Ray Bradbury

It takes writing a billion bad words before you get to the good ones.

~Ray Bradbury

Teachers are to inspire; librarians are to fulfill.

~Ray Bradbury

I prefer to see myself as the Janus, the two-faced god who is half Pollyanna and half Cassandra, warning of the future and perhaps living too much in the past - a combination of both.

~Ray Bradbury

You're not like the others. I've seen a few; I know. When I talk, you look at me. When I said something about the moon, you looked at the moon.

~Ray Bradbury

That's the great secret of creativity. You treat ideas like cats: you make them follow you.

~Ray Bradbury

How do you get so empty? Who takes it out of you?

~Ray Bradbury

I don't think about what I do. I do it. That's Buddhism. I jump off the cliff and build my wings on the way down.

~Ray Bradbury

Bees do have a smell, you know, and if they don't they should, for their feet are dusted with spices from a million flowers.

~Ray Bradbury

We are an impossibility in an impossible universe.

~Ray Bradbury

Ours is a culture and a time immensely rich in trash as it is in treasures.

~Ray Bradbury

I don't decide. My secret self decides. I just go with my subconscious. If it wants to do a poem, I do a poem, and if it wants to do a play, I do a play. So I'm not in charge, I'm not in control.

~Ray Bradbury

Everything that happens before Death is what counts.

~Ray Bradbury

The minute you get a religion you stop thinking. Believe in one thing too much and you have no room for new ideas.

~Ray Bradbury

A conglomerate heap of trash, that's what I am. But it burns with a high flame.

~Ray Bradbury

Hold summer in your hand, pour summer in a glass, a tiny glass of course, the smallest tingling sip, for children; change the season in your veins by raising glass to lip and tilting summer in.

~Ray Bradbury

A life's work should be based on love.

~Ray Bradbury

But you can't make people listen. They have to come round in their own time, wondering what happened and why the world blew up around them. It can't last.

~Ray Bradbury

There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches.

~Ray Bradbury

I discovered very early on that if you wanted a thing, you went for it - and you got it. Most people never go anywhere, or want anything - so they never get anything.

~Ray Bradbury

But souls can't be sold. They can only be lost and never found again.

~Ray Bradbury

If God treats you well by teaching you a disastrous lesson, you never forget it.

~Ray Bradbury

Work is the only answer. I have three rules to live by. One, get your work done. If that doesn't work, shut up and drink your gin. And when all else fails, run like hell!

~Ray Bradbury

All silence is. All emptiness. And now: The dawn.

~Ray Bradbury

What church could compete with the fireworks of the pure soul?

~Ray Bradbury

My stories run up and bite me on the leg - I respond by writing down everything that goes on during the bite. When I finish, the idea lets go and runs off.

~Ray Bradbury

The gift of life is so precious that we should feel an obligation to pay back the universe for the gift of being alive.

~Ray Bradbury

There must be something in books, something we can't imagine, to make a woman stay in a burning house; there must be something there. You don't stay for nothing.

~Ray Bradbury

We are the witnesses to the miracle. We are put here by creation, by God...We're here to be the audience to the magnificent. It is our job to celebrate.

~Ray Bradbury

May you be in love every day for the next 20,000 days. And out of that love, remake a world.

~Ray Bradbury

My tunes and numbers are here. They have filled my years, the years when I refused to die. And in order to do that I wrote, I wrote, I wrote, at noon or 3:00 A.M. So as not to be dead.

~Ray Bradbury

The important thing is to be in love with something.

~Ray Bradbury

If you did not write every day, the poisons would accumulate and you would begin to die, or act crazy or both-you must stay drunk on writing so reality cannot destroy you.

~Ray Bradbury

Good to evil seems evil

~Ray Bradbury

Miraculously, smoke curled out of his own mouth, his nose, his ears, his eyes, as if his soul had been extinguished within his lungs at the very

moment the sweet pumpkin gave up its incensed ghost.

~Ray Bradbury

You fail only if you stop writing.

~Ray Bradbury

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~Ray Bradbury

Science-fiction balances you on the cliff. Fantasy shoves you off.

~Ray Bradbury

Dandelion wine. The words were summer on the tongue. The wine was summer caught and stoppered...sealed away for opening on a January day with snow falling fast and the sun unseen for weeks.

~Ray Bradbury

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