

# Ringo Starr Quotes

*Play, People, Years, Band, Thinking, Song, Mean, Trying, Running, Different,  
Want, Drummer, Looks, Firsts, Crazy, Laughing, Kids, Soul, Real, Long*

Everything government touches turns to crap.

~Ringo Starr

Fondest memory of being a Beatle: Having three brothers.

~Ringo Starr

My soul is that of a drummer.... I didn't do it to become rich and famous. I did it because it was the love of my life.

~Ringo Starr

The Beatles were just four guys that loved each other. That's all they'll ever be.

~Ringo Starr

Take a dose of rock and roll, and wash it down with cool clear soul.

~Ringo Starr

I'm on my feet and I'm doing what I love to do, and I'm in a profession, as a musician, where we can go on for as long as we can go on.

~Ringo Starr

Well, I'm getting happier all the time, which is very nice.

~Ringo Starr

Of course I'm ambitious. What's wrong with that? Otherwise you sleep all day.

~Ringo Starr

Ringo: 'I had no schooling before I joined The Beatles and no schooling after The Beatles. Life is a great education.

~Ringo Starr

We will miss George for his sense of love, his sense of music and his sense of laughter.

~Ringo Starr

I learned to knit in hospital. They give you stuff to do to keep you busy because you're so ill.

~Ringo Starr

That's all drugs and alcohol do, they cut off your emotions in the end.

~Ringo Starr

At the end of the day, I can end up just totally wacky, because I've made mountains out of molehills. With meditation, I can keep them as molehills.

~Ringo Starr

You either kiss the future or the past goodbye.

~Ringo Starr

If you could play, I'd play with you all night. But if I'm just playing by myself, it gets boring pretty quick.

~Ringo Starr

Roy Orbison was the only act that The Beatles didn't want to follow.

~Ringo Starr

I used to wear different rings when I first got called Ringo in about 19, about, umm, '59 I got called Ringo.

~Ringo Starr

Gene Autry was the most. It may sound like a joke - Go and have a look in my bedroom, It's covered with Gene Autry posters. He was my first musical influence.

~Ringo Starr

I was the new boy. It was like joining a new class at school where

everybody knows everybody else but me.

~Ringo Starr

I never studied anything, really. I didn't study the drums. I joined bands and made all the mistakes onstage.

~Ringo Starr

The trouble with leaving your feet on the ground is you never get to take your pants off.

~Ringo Starr

I know when I feel good when I play. There's a closeness with musicians you only get from playing live, even in the studio it's still playing live. For me, it's what expands my soul.

~Ringo Starr

The White Album is important to me for different reasons. One - I had left the band on the White Album.

~Ringo Starr

Drumming is my middle name.

~Ringo Starr

I was in George Martin's studio in Amsterdam and he was telling me, 'They come in here and it takes them three days to do a bass line.' Well I'm not from that era.

~Ringo Starr

You're like the devil with horns in your head, the only way I'll get you is to get you in bed.

~Ringo Starr

My occupation is syncopation. But, every time, my syncopation is different, because I can never play the same fill twice. I just can't, never

have been able to.

~Ringo Starr

Do you remember when everyone began analyzing Beatles songs..I don't think I ever understood what some of them were supposed to be about

~Ringo Starr

First and foremost I am a drummer. After that, I'm other things... But I didn't play drums to make money.

~Ringo Starr

And in a marriage you can't TRY and be married. You're married or you're not married... as far as I'm concerned.

~Ringo Starr

America: It's like Britain, only with buttons.

~Ringo Starr

I'm not sleeping with all the women I appear with.

~Ringo Starr

I like Beethoven, especially the poems.

~Ringo Starr

I've never really done anything to create what has happened. It creates itself. I'm here because it happened. But I didn't do anything to make it happen apart from saying 'Yes'

~Ringo Starr

When I was thirteen I only wanted to be a drummer.

~Ringo Starr

I mean, women are very important to me. I don't know, they just drive

me crazy.

~Ringo Starr

Peace and love, peace and love!

~Ringo Starr

I don't collect any memorabilia. I wish I'd have kept everything I had. But who knew you had to keep it. Just gave it away. And we lost so much and we didn't look after a lot of it.

~Ringo Starr

The drummer's always going to be there. They're the floor of the whole deal and everyone can stand up on you.

~Ringo Starr

I hope the fans will take up meditation instead of drugs.

~Ringo Starr

We thought we'd be really big in Liverpool.

~Ringo Starr

I hate click tracks. A lot of people I know like to use click tracks. Like my son is perfect on the click tracks. It makes me to edgy.

~Ringo Starr

I play weird. I'm always just behind. We [drummers] only have so much room. We're not guitarists.

~Ringo Starr

We [the band] had this open door policy - if you walked in the door, you were asked to play

~Ringo Starr

The kids are interested in the music of them. They're not interested in

mop-tops and Beatle boots and crazy suits. It's all down to the music now - that's what they hear, and that's what they love.

~Ringo Starr

I couldn't put my finger on one reason why we broke up. It was time, and we were spreading out. They were spreading out more than I was. I would've stayed with the band.

~Ringo Starr

Beatles, women and children first!

~Ringo Starr

I've said this over and over again, but I love being in a band.

~Ringo Starr

I'm not going to say anything because nobody believes me when I do.

~Ringo Starr

They said do what you want, because if we don't like it no one will hear it.

~Ringo Starr

You got to pay your dues if you want to sing the blues...And you know it don't come easy.

~Ringo Starr

I feel the older I get, the more I'm learning to handle life. Being on this quest for a long time, it's all about finding yourself.

~Ringo Starr

And so we went away to play, and we'd come back to Liverpool. And while we were doing this - 'cuz we did it for two years. And then we'd go to Germany, and that's where I met the Beatles.

~Ringo Starr

When I run on stage now, a thousand people don't even see you, they're in their phone.

~Ringo Starr

For me, I want to get across the stage to the people. I want to point at you, thirty, forty rows back, and you know I'm pointing at you, and we're having a laugh and getting it together.

~Ringo Starr

I like playing with a live band and I've got my act and we're fine.

~Ringo Starr

I've been asked to write my autobiography and really they only want 8 years (1962-1970), and I keep saying it would be five volumes before I even got into the band!

~Ringo Starr

People in Liverpool don't move very far, you know.

~Ringo Starr

I am, I definitely am. I'm really excited about that.

~Ringo Starr

I think we should have understanding and love and peace. I mean, peace and love has been my situation. You hear that in the song. I'm trying to promote that now: peace and love and understanding.

~Ringo Starr

Wake up meat head, don't pretend that you are dead.

~Ringo Starr

I'd like to end up sort of unforgettable.

~Ringo Starr

They paint you red before they sacrifice you. It's a different religion from ours - I think.

~Ringo Starr

I've always felt that a space is as good as a fill.

~Ringo Starr

No, no, no, I don't snort no more, I'm tired of waking up on the floor. No thank you please, it only makes me sneeze, then it makes it hard to find the door.

~Ringo Starr

It all comes down to who you crucify, you either kiss the past or future good-bye.

~Ringo Starr

Last night I had a peace dream.

~Ringo Starr

I met The Beatles while we were playing in Germany. We'd seen them in Liverpool, but they were a nothing little band then, just putting it together. In fact, they weren't really a band at all.

~Ringo Starr

When you're in a band - before it got to grunge - you dressed the bit. So yeah, I've always had an attitude with the clothes.

~Ringo Starr

The point is it is amazing that the generations have joined in the Beatle madness and love the music. Who knew?

~Ringo Starr

A lot of the players I'm with, thank God, we're all still vertical. We've lost so many great players through the years, and we're still standing, as

Elton John says.

~Ringo Starr

I never take it as any real pressure. It's like my son. I only gave him one lesson. When I went to give him the second one he said, 'Oh, I can do that dad.' I said, 'Now you're on your own.'

~Ringo Starr

I think I'm more prolific in the songwriting.

~Ringo Starr

I don't talk about myself in the third person, and I laugh at people who do.

~Ringo Starr

I'm like everyone else, on the stage it's good. Not too much fun in the hotel or the airplane or the bus, but you got to do it.

~Ringo Starr

When they come here, the English make a choice: New York or L.A. L.A. suited me better, I just feel comfortable here.

~Ringo Starr

I've never gone to the bedroom when I was starting out and practiced away.

~Ringo Starr

The second side of Abbey Road is my favorite.

~Ringo Starr

For me, God is in my life. I don't hide from that... I think the search has been on since the '60s.

~Ringo Starr

I've never had any big ideas about being the solo.

~Ringo Starr

Every night there's a moment that I just wanna go back to bed. I just get nervous. Then I run on (stage) and as soon as I grab the mic then I'm fine.

~Ringo Starr

The main thing is not to be afraid of that, to get to a place where you'll go gracefully, not screaming and kicking up a fuss.

~Ringo Starr

I'm the greatest in this world.

~Ringo Starr

I get on with kids and I feel that's because I am one.

~Ringo Starr

I'm always good for starting a bit of a tune and the first verse, but after that I just can never go anywhere. It takes me years, that's why I'm so slow.

~Ringo Starr

I'm a musician and I'm really blessed, because in my life if I can hold the sticks, I can play.

~Ringo Starr

The business is so driven by money, everyone's trying to get it right.

~Ringo Starr

I love that about the Beatles, that the music is still going on more than the haircut, you know.

~Ringo Starr

I've never broken a bone in my life, or in my body.

~Ringo Starr

I love being in a band. I love playing with other human beings. I've never practiced drums unless there was another human being in the room.

~Ringo Starr

Gaps can be very emotional. I mean, that's in my drumming. When I drum, you know, I don't need to drum all over the track. I play with the singer and I can back off.

~Ringo Starr

I feel as though that was someone else playing. I was possessed!

~Ringo Starr

I am the best rock drummer on the planet.

~Ringo Starr

I have no anonymity. I've not had a drink in nine and a half years. That's my whole story right there.

~Ringo Starr

If you made a record, I'd probably pick out tracks that I like and download that. That's just how it is.

~Ringo Starr

I hate click tracks. I'm too busy in the click track to feel my own heart rhythm, my own soul beat.

~Ringo Starr

Believe me, I wish this song was yours instead of mine.

~Ringo Starr

We'd get in the car and i'd look over at John and say 'Christ. Look at you. You're a bloody phenomenon!' and just laugh because it was only him.

~Ringo Starr

Being in The Beatles was a short, incredible period of my life. I had 22 years leading up to it, and it was all over eight years later.

~Ringo Starr

I'm warning you with peace and love I have too much to do. So no more fan mail. Thank you, thank you. And no objects to be signed, nothing. Peace and love, peace and love.

~Ringo Starr

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