

# Robert Louis Stevenson Quotes

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Book, Heart, Song, Love, Art, Littles, Believe, Jekyll, Travel, Night*

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

We are all travelers in the wilderness of this world, and the best we can find in our travels is an honest friend.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

A friend is a gift you give yourself.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Do not measure success by today's harvest. Measure success by the seeds you plant today.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Make the most of the best and the least of the worst.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Nothing more strongly arouses our disgust than cannibalism, yet we make the same impression on Buddhists and vegetarians, for we feed on babies, though not our own.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened but go on in fortune or

misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

When a torrent sweeps a man against a boulder, you must expect him to scream, and you need not be surprised if the scream is sometimes a theory.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

It is better to lose health like a spendthrift than to waste it like a miser.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Everybody, soon or late, sits down to a banquet of consequences.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To love is the great amulet that makes this world a garden.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The person who has stopped being thankful has fallen asleep in life.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

A generous prayer is never presented in vain; the petition may be refused, but the petitioner is always, I believe, rewarded by some gracious visitation.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The little rift between the sexes is astonishingly widened by simply teaching one set of catchwords to the girls and another to the boys.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I will make you brooches and toys for your delight  
Of bird-song at morning and star-shine at night.  
I will make a palace fit for you and me  
Of green days in forests and blue days at sea.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Everyone lives by selling something.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The Devil, can sometimes do a very gentlemanly thing.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

You think dogs will not be in heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

If a man loves the labour of his trade, apart from any question of success or fame, the gods have called him.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I have seen wicked men and fools, a great many of both; and I believe they both get paid in the end; but the fools first.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Books are good enough in their own way, but they are a poor substitute for life.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Jekyll had more than a father's interest; Hyde had more than a son's indifference.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Fiction is to the grown man what play is to the child; it is there that he changes the atmosphere and tenor of his life.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Everyday courage has few witnesses. But yours is no less noble because no drum beats for you and no crowds shout your name.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

If he be Mr. Hyde" he had thought, "I shall be Mr. Seek.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

We consume the carcasses of creatures of like appetites, passions and organs with our own, and fill the slaughterhouses daily with screams of pain and fear.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There is nothing but God's grace. We walk upon it; we breathe it; we live and die by it; it makes the nails and axles of the universe.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

It takes hard writing to make easy reading.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Nothing like a little judicious levity.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The saints are the sinners who keep on trying.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The truth that is suppressed by friends is the readiest weapon of the enemy.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There is only one difference between a long life and a good dinner: that, in the dinner, the sweets come last.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The bold may not live long, but the timid never live at all.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The habit of being happy enables one to be freed, or largely freed, from the domination of outward conditions.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The difficulty of literature is not to write, but to write what you mean; not to affect your reader, but to affect him precisely as you wish.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

You seem to me to be a pretty lucky young man; keep your eyes open to your mercies. That part of piety is eternal; and the man who forgets to be grateful has fallen asleep in life.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Fifteen men on the Dead Man's Chest Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!  
Drink and the devil had done for the rest Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind, spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The world has no room for cowards. We must all be ready somehow to toil, to suffer, to die.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There is a certain frame of mind to which a cemetery is, if not an antidote, at least an alleviation. If you are in a fit of the blues, go nowhere else.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Absences are a good influence in love and keep it bright and delicate.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Every heart that has beat strongly and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I consider the success of my day based on the seeds I sow, not the harvest I reap.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

We all know what Parliament is, and we are all ashamed of it.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Lastly (and this is, perhaps, the golden rule), no woman should marry a man who does not smoke.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To be truly happy is a question of how we begin, and not how we end, of what we want and not what we have.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

All speech, written or spoken, is a dead language, until it finds a willing and prepared hearer.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Everyone who got where he is has had to begin where he was.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The spirit of delight comes in small ways.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

An aspiration is a joy forever, a possession as solid as a landed estate.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

We must accept life for what it actually is - a challenge to our quality without which we should never know of what stuff we are made, or



grow to our full stature.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

When I say writing, O believe me, it is rewriting that I have chiefly in mind.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The most beautiful adventures are not those we go to seek.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There comes an end to all things; the most capacious measure is filled at last; and this brief condescension to evil finally destroyed the balance of my soul.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The rain is falling all around, It falls on field and tree, It rains on the umbrellas here, And on the ships at sea. - Rain

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I lived on rum, I tell you. It's been meat and drink, and man and wife, to me.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I believe in an ultimate decency of things.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Had he been Shakespeare, he would then have written Troilus and Cressida brand the offending sex; but being only a little dog, he began to bite them.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Do not write merely to be understood. Write so you cannot possibly be misunderstood.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

A happy man or woman is a better thing to find than a five-pound note. He or she is a radiating focus of goodwill; and their entrance into a room is as though another candle had been lighted.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To be feared of a thing and yet to do it, is what makes the prettiest kind of a man.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I have resolved that from this day on, I will do all the business I can honestly, have all the fun I can reasonably, do all the good I can willingly, and save my digestion by thinking pleasantly.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Wine is bottled poetry.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

It is one of the worst things of sentiment that the voice grows to be more important than the words, and the speaker than that what is spoken.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Our business in life is not to succeed, but to continue to fail in good spirits.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There is a fellowship more quiet even than solitude, and which, rightly understood, is solitude made perfect.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

When your toil has been a pleasure, you have not earned money merely, but money, health, delight, and moral profit, all in one.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

You cannot run away from weakness; you must some time fight it out or perish; and if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Compromise is the best and cheapest lawyer.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Children are certainly too good to be true.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Keep busy at something: a busy person never has time to be unhappy.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

In marriage, a man becomes slack and selfish, and undergoes a fatty degeneration of his moral being.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To be idle requires a strong sense of personal identity.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Sir, with no intention to take offence, I deny your right to put words into my mouth.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

When I am grown to man's estate I shall be very proud and great. And tell the other girls and boys Not to meddle with my toys.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

There are no foreign lands. It is the traveler only who is foreign.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The cruelest lies are often told in silence. A man may have sat in a room for hours and not opened his teeth, and yet come out of that room a disloyal friend or a vile calumniator.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Most of our pocket wisdom is conceived for the use of mediocre people, to discourage them from ambitious attempts, and generally console them in their mediocrity.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The world has no room for cowards.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The price we have to pay for money is sometimes liberty.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

To forget oneself is to be happy.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

It is perhaps a more fortunate destiny to have a taste for collecting shells than to be born a millionaire.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

A bottle of good wine, like a good act, shines ever in the retrospect.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

It's a pleasant thing to be young, and have ten toes.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me, And what can be the use of him is more than I can see.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

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