

# T. H. White

## Quotes

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Kings, Reason, Clever, Destiny, Beautiful, Doe, Thinking, Teacher, Soul, Race,  
Mean*

"The best thing for being sad," replied Merlin, beginning to puff and blow, "is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails.

~T. H. White

The bravest people are the ones who don't mind looking like cowards.

~T. H. White

The Destiny of Man is to unite, not to divide. If you keep on dividing you end up as a collection of monkeys throwing nuts at each other out of separate trees.

~T. H. White

Perhaps we all give the best of our hearts uncritically--to those who hardly think about us in return.

~T. H. White

Those who lived by the sword were forced to die by it.

~T. H. White

The most difficult thing in the world is to know how to do a thing and to watch someone else do it wrong without comment.

~T. H. White

The best thing for being sad ... is to learn something.

~T. H. White

Only fools want to be great.

~T. H. White

We cannot build the future by avenging the past.

~T. H. White

Might does not make right! Right makes right!

~T. H. White

In war, our elders may give the orders...but it is the young who have to fight.

~T. H. White

A lot of brainless unicorns swaggering about and calling themselves educated just because they can push each other off a horse with a bit of a stick! It makes me tired.

~T. H. White

Education is experience, and the essence of experience is self-reliance.

~T. H. White

Is there anything more terrible than perpetual motion, than doing and doing and doing, without a reason, without a consciousness, without a change, without an end?

~T. H. White

The destiny of man is an individualistic destiny.

~T. H. White

Wrongs have to be redressed by reason, not by force.

~T. H. White

It is good to put your life in other people's hands.

~T. H. White

Wars are never fought for one reason," he said. "They are fought for dozens of reasons, in a muddle.

~T. H. White

I am an anarchist, like any other sensible person. ~ Merlyn

~T. H. White

The miracle was that he had been allowed to do a miracle. And ever, says Mallory, Sir Lancelot wept, as he had been a child that had been beaten.

~T. H. White

I think I ought to have some eddication,"said the Wart, "I can't think of anything to do.

~T. H. White

War is like a fire. One man may start it, but it will spread all over. It is not about any one thing in particular.

~T. H. White

I would recommend a solo flight to all prospective suicides. It tends to make clear the issue of whether one enjoys being alive or not.

~T. H. White

It was called a tribute before a battle and a ransom afterwards.

~T. H. White

Life is too bitter already, without territories and wars and noble feuds

~T. H. White

If people reach perfection they vanish, you know.

~T. H. White

People commit suicide through weakness, not through strength.

~T. H. White

...All endeavours which are directed to a purely worldly end...contain within themselves the germs of their own corruption.

~T. H. White

Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to

learn.

~T. H. White

They made me see that the world was beautiful if you were beautiful, and that you couldn't get unless you gave. And you had to give without wanting to get.

~T. H. White

Were they, for some purpose almost too cunning for belief, only disguised as themselves?

~T. H. White

Aviators live by hours, not by days.

~T. H. White

If it takes a million years for a fish to become a reptile, has Man, in our few hundred, altered out of recognition?

~T. H. White

The destiny of man is to unite, not to divide.

~T. H. White

Middle-aged people can balance between believing in God and breaking all the commandments without difficulty.

~T. H. White

Grown-ups have developed an unpleasant habit of comforting themselves for their degradation by pretending that children are childish.

~T. H. White

But they woke him with words, their cruel bright weapons.

~T. H. White

Perhaps he does not want to be friends with you until he knows what you are like. With owls, it is never easy-come-easy-go.

~T. H. White

All forms of collectivism are mistaken, according to the human skull.

~T. H. White

It has to be admitted that starving nations never seem to be quite so starving that they cannot afford to have far more expensive armaments than anybody else.

~T. H. White

I will tell you something else, King, which may be a surprise for you. It will not happen for hundreds of years, but both of us are to come back.

~T. H. White

The fisherman fishes as the urchin eats cream buns, from lust.

~T. H. White

The fate of this man or that man was less than a drop, although it was a sparkling one, in the great blue motion of the sunlit sea.

~T. H. White

It is only people who are lacking, or bad, or inferior, who have to be good at things. You have always been full and perfect, so you had nothing to make up for.

~T. H. White

He was neither clever nor sensitive, but he was loyal--stubbornly sometimes, and even annoyingly and stupidly so in later life.

~T. H. White

a king can only work with his best tools.

~T. H. White

Unfortunately we have tried to establish Right by Might, and you can't do that.

~T. H. White

When shall I be dead and rid  
Of all the wrong my father did? How long,  
how long 'till spade and hearse  
Put to sleep my mother's curse?

~T. H. White

It is so fatally easy to make young children believe that they are horrible.

~T. H. White

Cavall came simply, and gave him his heart and soul.

~T. H. White

The word "feral" has a kind of magic potency which allied itself to two other words, "ferocious" and "free." To revert to a feral state!

~T. H. White

Mordred and Agravaine thought Arthur hypocriticalâ€”as all decent men must be, if you assume that decency can't exist.

~T. H. White

You think education is something to be done when all else fails?

~T. H. White

The Victorians had not been anxious to go away for the weekend. The Edwardians, on the contrary, were nomadic.

~T. H. White

Kings can only use their best tools.

~T. H. White

If God is supposed to be merciful,' [Arthur] retorted, 'I don't see why He

shouldn't allow people to stumble into heaven, just as well as climb there

~T. H. White

You run a grave risk, my boy," said the magician, "of being turned into a piece of bread, and toasted.

~T. H. White

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The race will find that capitalists and communists modify themselves so much during the ages that they end by being indistinguishable as democrats.

~T. H. White

It seems, in tragedy, that innocence is not enough.

~T. H. White

It is the bad people who need to have principles to restrain them.

~T. H. White

If there is one thing I can't stand, it is stupidity. I always say that stupidity is the Sin against the Holy Ghost.

~T. H. White

Yes, that is the equality of man. Slaughter anybody who is better than you are, and then we shall be equal soon enough. All equally dead.

~T. H. White

God is love, the bishops tell. Yes, I know, But love is hell.

~T. H. White



Dogs, like very small children, are quite mad.

~T. H. White

God is love, the parson whined. Yes, and is he also blind?

~T. H. White

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