

# Tom Robbins

## Quotes

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Reality whistles a different tune underwater.

~Tom Robbins

We waste time looking for the perfect lover, instead of creating the perfect love.

~Tom Robbins

Disbelief in magic can force a poor soul into believing in government and business.

~Tom Robbins

Religion is not merely the opium of the masses, it's the cyanide.

~Tom Robbins

In the haunted house of life, art is the only stair that doesn't creak.

~Tom Robbins

The beet is the most intense of vegetables

~Tom Robbins

Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible, and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious, and immature.

~Tom Robbins

It is better to be small, colorful, sexy, careless, and peaceful.

~Tom Robbins

To achieve the impossible; it is precisely the unthinkable that must be thought.

~Tom Robbins

We're our own dragons as well as our own heroes, and we have to rescue ourselves from ourselves.

~Tom Robbins

The trickster's function is to break taboos, create mischief, stir things up. In the end, the trickster gives people what they really want, some sort of freedom.

~Tom Robbins

People write memoirs because they lack the imagination to make things up.

~Tom Robbins

On their sofas of spice and feathers, the concubines also slept fretfully. In those days the Earth was still flat, and people dreamed often of falling over edges.

~Tom Robbins

there are two kinds of people in this world : those who believe there are two kinds of people in this world and those who are smart enough to know better.

~Tom Robbins

O tequila, savage water of sorcery, what confusion and mischief your sly, rebellious drops do generate

~Tom Robbins

You should never hesitate to trade your cow for a handful of magic beans.

~Tom Robbins

When freedom is outlawed, only outlaws will be free.

~Tom Robbins

The only authority I respect is the one that causes butterflies to fly south in fall and north in springtime.

~Tom Robbins

Eating a raw oyster is like french kissing a mermaid.

~Tom Robbins

Breathe properly. Stay curious. And eat your beets.

~Tom Robbins

There are only two mantras, yum and yuck, mine is yum.

~Tom Robbins

Our similarities bring us to a common ground; Our differences allow us to be fascinated by each other.

~Tom Robbins

Never underestimate how much assistance, how much satisfaction, how much comfort, how much soul and transcendence there might be in a well-made taco and a cold bottle of beer.

~Tom Robbins

Love is the ultimate outlaw. It just won't adhere to any rules. The most any of us can do is sign on as its accomplice.

~Tom Robbins

There are many things worth living for, a few things worth dying for, and nothing worth killing for.

~Tom Robbins

True stability results when presumed order and presumed disorder are balanced. A truly stable system expects the unexpected, is prepared to be disrupted, waits to be transformed.

~Tom Robbins

Does koala bear poop smell like cough drops?

~Tom Robbins

Madame Lily Devalier always asked "Where are you?" in a way that insinuated that there were only two places on earth one could be: New Orleans and somewhere ridiculous.

~Tom Robbins

Using words to describe magic is like using a screwdriver to cut roast beef.

~Tom Robbins

Love easily confuses us because it is always in flux between illusion and substance, between memory and wish, between contentment and need.

~Tom Robbins

There is no such thing as a weird human being, It's just that some people require more understanding than others.

~Tom Robbins

But why diminish your soul being run-of-the-mill at something? Mediocrity: now there is ugliness for you. Mediocrity's a hairball coughed up on the Persian carpet of Creation.

~Tom Robbins

Leave me in the night but please don't leave me in the dark

~Tom Robbins

Love is dope, not chicken soup.

~Tom Robbins

Here's an idea: let's get over ourselves, buy a cherry pie, and go fall in love with life.

~Tom Robbins

Outlaws, like lovers, poets, and tubercular composers who cough blood onto piano keys, do their finest work in the slippery rays of the moon.

~Tom Robbins

When I sit down to write, I just let the goose out of the bottle.

~Tom Robbins

Something has got to hold it together. I'm saying my prayers to Elmer, the Greek god of glue.

~Tom Robbins

And it rained a fever. And it rained a silence. And it rained a sacrifice. And it rained a miracle. And it rained sorceries and saturnine eyes of the totem.

~Tom Robbins

Curiosity, especially intellectual inquisitiveness, is what separates the truly alive from those who are merely going through the motions.

~Tom Robbins

The Earth is God's pinball machine and each quake, tidal wave, flash flood and volcanic eruption is the result of a TILT that occurs when God, cheating, tries to win free games.

~Tom Robbins

Of the Seven Dwarfs, the only one who shaved was Dopey. That should tell us something about the wisdom of shaving.

~Tom Robbins

A hamburger is an icon of layered circles, the circle being at once the most spiritual and the most sensual of shapes.

~Tom Robbins

Of course I'm inconsistent! Only logicians and cretins are consistent!

~Tom Robbins

Are you aware that rushing toward a goal is a sublimated death wish? It's no coincidence we call them 'deadlines.'

~Tom Robbins

The ultimate end of any ideology is totalitarianism.

~Tom Robbins

Each time we exhale, the world ends; when we inhale, there can be, if we allow it, rebirth and spiritual renewal. It all transpires inside of us. In our consciousness, in our hearts. All the time.

~Tom Robbins

You are what you think you eat.

~Tom Robbins

Amnesia is not knowing who one is and wanting desperately to find out. Euphoria is not knowing who one is and not caring. Ecstasy is knowing exactly who one is - and still not caring.

~Tom Robbins

Those who shun the whimsy of things will experience rigor mortis before death.

~Tom Robbins

How can you admire a human who consciously embraces the bland, the mediocre, and the safe rather than risk the suffering that disappointment can bring?

~Tom Robbins

Sharks are the criminals of the sea. Dolphins are the outlaws.

~Tom Robbins

Hold on to your divine blush, your innate rosy magic, or end up brown. Once you're brown, you'll find out you're blue. As blue as indigo. And you know what that means. Indigo. Indigoing. Indigone.

~Tom Robbins

Life is like a stew, you have to stir it frequently, or all the scum rises to the top.

~Tom Robbins

Meditation... dissolves the mind. It erases itself. Throws the ego out on its big brittle ass.

~Tom Robbins

When they tell you to grow up, they mean stop growing.

~Tom Robbins

I've sucked way too much cement for this year. Bad juju rising off them city sidewalks. I need to babble with a brook or two, inhale starlight, make friends with some trees.

~Tom Robbins

Equality is not in regarding different things similarly, equality is in regarding different things differently.

~Tom Robbins

Slavic peoples get their physical characteristics from potatoes, their smoldering inquietude from radishes, their seriousness from beets.

~Tom Robbins

Don't confuse symmetry with balance.

~Tom Robbins

In the beginning was the thing. And one thing led to another.

~Tom Robbins

Our greatest human adventure is the evolution of consciousness. We are in this life to enlarge the soul, liberate the spirit, and light up the brain.

~Tom Robbins

red hair is caused by sugar and lust.

~Tom Robbins

Would you complain because a beautiful sunset doesn't have a future or a shooting star a payoff? And why should romance 'lead anywhere'? Passion isn't a path through the woods. Passion is the woods.

~Tom Robbins

...language is not the frosting, it's the cake.

~Tom Robbins

The trouble with the fast lane is that all the movement is horizontal. And I like to go vertical sometimes.

~Tom Robbins

At the typewriter you find out who you are.

~Tom Robbins

Teachers who offer you the ultimate answers do not possess the ultimate answers, for if they did, they would know that the ultimate answers cannot be given, they can only be received.

~Tom Robbins

Me? I stand for uncertainty, insecurity, bad taste, fun, and things that go boom in the night.

~Tom Robbins

It's personal freedom, not hundred dollar bills that lights the soul's cigar.

~Tom Robbins

The winter passed as slowly and peacefully as a boa constrictor digesting a valium addict.

~Tom Robbins

Whether a man is a criminal or a public servant is purely a matter of perspective.

~Tom Robbins

Unhappiness is the ultimate form of self-indulgence.

~Tom Robbins

If love eats the donut, does time eat the hole?

~Tom Robbins

And it rained a screaming. And it rained a rawness. And it rained a plasma. And it rained a disorder.

~Tom Robbins

Words on a page can hypnotize you if the rhythm is right

~Tom Robbins

Of the seven deadly sins, lust is definitely the pick of the litter.

~Tom Robbins

The beauty of simplicity is the complexity it attracts.

~Tom Robbins

Any half-awake materialist well knows - that which you hold holds you.

~Tom Robbins

To live fully, one must be free, but to be free one must give up security. Therefore, to live one must be ready to die. How's that for a paradox?

~Tom Robbins

It is more important to be free than to be happy.

~Tom Robbins

'I'll follow him to the ends of the earth,' she sobbed. Yes, darling. But the earth doesn't have any ends. Columbus fixed that.

~Tom Robbins

'I'll bet I'm as old as you are.' 'I'm older than Sanskrit.' 'Well, I was waitress at the Last Supper.' 'I'm so old I remember when McDonald's had only sold a hundred burgers.' 'You win.'

~Tom Robbins

There are essential and inessential insanities. The later are solar in character, the former are linked to the moon.

~Tom Robbins

One has not only an ability to perceive the world but an ability to alter one's perception of it; more simply, one can change things by the manner in which one looks at them.

~Tom Robbins

Alone, the world offers itself freely to us. To be unmasked, it has no choice.

~Tom Robbins

To be or not to be isn't the question. The question is how to prolong being.

~Tom Robbins

True stability results when presumed order and presumed disorder are balanced.

~Tom Robbins

If little else, the brain is an educational toy.

~Tom Robbins

Don't trust anybody who'd rather be grammatically correct than have a good time.

~Tom Robbins

Logic only gives man what he needs... Magic gives him what he wants.

~Tom Robbins

Somewhere in the archives of crudest instinct is recorded the truth that it is better to be endangered and free than captive and comfortable.

~Tom Robbins

Be your own flying saucer! Rescue yourself!

~Tom Robbins

My faith is whatever makes me feel good about being alive. If your religion doesn't make you feel good to be alive, what the hell is the point of it?

~Tom Robbins

There're many ways, my dear, to victimize people. The most insidious way is to persuade them that they're victims.

~Tom Robbins

Society had a crime problem. It hired cops to attack crime. Now society has a cop problem.

~Tom Robbins

Funny how we think of romance as always involving two, when the romance of solitude can be ever so much more delicious and intense.

~Tom Robbins

A mediocre failure is as insufferable as a mediocre success. Embrace failure! Seek it out. Learn to love it. That may be the only way any of us will ever be free.

~Tom Robbins

Danger is to adventure what garlic is to spaghetti sauce. Without it, you just end up with stewed tomatoes.

~Tom Robbins

Should you fail to pilot your own ship, don't be surprised at what inappropriate port you find yourself docked.

~Tom Robbins

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