

Truman Capote Quotes

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She is pure Alice in Wonderland, and her appearance and demeanor are a nicely judged mix of the Red Queen and a Flamingo.

~Truman Capote

Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.

~Truman Capote

A conversation is a dialogue, not a monologue. That's why there are so few good conversations: due to scarcity, two intelligent talkers seldom meet.

~Truman Capote

I believe more in the scissors than I do in the pencil.

~Truman Capote

The wind is us-- it gathers and remembers all our voices, then sends them talking and telling through the leaves and the fields.

~Truman Capote

Anyone who ever gave you confidence, you owe them a lot.

~Truman Capote

I love New York, even though it isn't mine, the way something has to be, a tree or a street or a house, something, anyway, that belongs to me because I belong to it.

~Truman Capote

When you've got nowhere to turn, turn on the gas.

~Truman Capote

Well, I'm about as tall as a shotgun, and just as noisy.

~Truman Capote

A man who doesn't dream is like a man who doesn't sweat. He stores

up a lot of poison.

~Truman Capote

The brain may take advice, but not the heart.

~Truman Capote

Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act.

~Truman Capote

I don't care what anybody says about me as long as it isn't true.

~Truman Capote

They can romanticize us so, mirrors, and that is their secret: what a subtle torture it would be to destroy all the mirrors in the world: where then could we look for reassurance of our identities?

~Truman Capote

There were hints of sunrise on the rim of the sky, yet it was still dark, and the traces of morning color were like goldfish swimming in ink.

~Truman Capote

To me, the greatest pleasure of writing is not what it's about, but the inner music that words make.

~Truman Capote

Still, when all is said, somewhere one must belong: even the soaring falcon returns to its master's wrist.

~Truman Capote

The most dangerous thing in the world is to make a friend of an Englishman, because he'll come sleep in your closet rather than spend 10 shillings on a hotel.

~Truman Capote

If you weren't here, if you could be anywhere you wanted to be, doing anything you wanted to do, where would you be and what would you be doing?

~Truman Capote

That isn't writing at all, it's typing.

~Truman Capote

Writing stopped being fun when I discovered the difference between good writing and bad and, even more terrifying, the difference between it and true art. And after that, the whip came down.

~Truman Capote

Most people don't find their creativity. There are more unsung geniuses that don't even know they have great talent.

~Truman Capote

Home is where you feel at home. I'm still looking.

~Truman Capote

Writing has laws of perspective, of light and shade just as painting does, or music. If you are born knowing them, fine. If not, learn them. Then rearrange the rules to suit yourself.

~Truman Capote

Fame is only good for one thing - they will cash your check in a small town.

~Truman Capote

In my garden, after a rainfall, you can faintly, yes, hear the breaking of new blooms.

~Truman Capote

Are the dead as lonesome as the living?

~Truman Capote

Never love a wild thing...If you let yourself love a wild thing. You'll end up looking at the sky.

~Truman Capote

The good thing about masturbation is that you don't have to get dressed up for it.

~Truman Capote

Anyone who ever gave you confidence, you owe them a lot". ~Truman Capote, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, 1958, spoken by the character Holly Golightly

~Truman Capote

No one will ever know what 'In Cold Blood' took out of me. It scraped me right down to the marrow of my bones. It nearly killed me. I think, in a way, it did kill me.

~Truman Capote

Life is difficult enough without Meryl Streep movies.

~Truman Capote

The better the actor, the more stupid he is.

~Truman Capote

There is nobody in the world that you can't get if you really concentrate on it, if you really want them. You've got to want it to the exclusion of everything else.

~Truman Capote

New York is the only real city-city.

~Truman Capote

our real fears are the sounds of footsteps walking in the corridors of our minds, and the anxieties, the phantom floatings, they create.

~Truman Capote

The brain may take advice, but not the heart, and love, having no geography, knows no boundaries: weight and sink it deep, no matter, it will rise and find the surface.

~Truman Capote

Good luck and believe me, dearest Doc - it's better to look at the sky than live there. Such an empty place; so vague. Just a country where the thunder goes and things disappear.

~Truman Capote

Most people who become suddenly famous overnight will find that they lose practically eighty percent of their friends. Your old friends just can't stand it for some reason.

~Truman Capote

You can't blame a writer for what the characters say.

~Truman Capote

A beautiful day with the buoyancy of a bird.

~Truman Capote

Oh, I adore to cook. It makes me feel so mindless in a worthwhile way.

~Truman Capote

Reading dreams. That's what started her walking down the road. Every day she'd walk a little further: a mile, and come home. Two miles, and come home. One day she just kept on.

~Truman Capote

Love is a chain of love as nature is a chain of life.

~Truman Capote

Sometimes when I think how good my book can be, I can hardly breathe.

~Truman Capote

Great fury, like great whisky, requires long fermentation.

~Truman Capote

It is very seldom that a person loves anyone they cannot in some way envy.

~Truman Capote

A work of art is one of mystery, the one extreme magic; everything else is either arithmetic or biology.

~Truman Capote

Mick Jagger is about as sexy as a pissing toad.

~Truman Capote

It's worth your life to order an omelette in most restaurants. You never know what you're going to get.

~Truman Capote

My yardstick is how somebody treats me.

~Truman Capote

You can't give your heart to a wild thing.

~Truman Capote

Finishing a book is just like you took a child out in the back yard and shot it.

~Truman Capote

I've never had an affair with somebody who wasn't at the same time a very good friend of mine, if you see what I mean.

~Truman Capote

Actually, I think friendship and love are exactly the same thing.

~Truman Capote

We all, sometimes, leave each other there under the skies, and we never understand why.

~Truman Capote

[L]ove, having no geography, knows no boundaries.

~Truman Capote

Nancy Clutter is always in a hurry, but she always has time. And that's one definition of a lady.

~Truman Capote

Anticipation is anxiety. I have always had a very extreme anxiety thing.

~Truman Capote

The problem with living outside the law is that you no longer have its protection.

~Truman Capote

Have you never heard what the wise men say: all of the future exists in the past.

~Truman Capote

It's a scientific fact that if you stay in California you lose one point of your IQ every year.

~Truman Capote

Intelligence alone can't make a good writer and style alone can't make

a good writer - that is, not a really important or significant writer - but the two things together make a really good writer.

~Truman Capote

I don't think I've ever drunk champagne before breakfast before. With breakfast on several occasions, but never before before.

~Truman Capote

All literature is gossip.

~Truman Capote

I am always drawn back to places where I have lived, the houses and their neighborhoods.

~Truman Capote

I can see every monster as they come in.

~Truman Capote

The quietness of his tone italicized the malice of his reply.

~Truman Capote

I prefer to underwrite. Simple, clear as a country creek.

~Truman Capote

A boy has to peddle his book.

~Truman Capote

I want to still be me when I wake up one fine morning and have breakfast at Tiffany's.

~Truman Capote

I dream of eagles and bring forth sparrows.

~Truman Capote

I hated Hemingway. I liked Faulkner but he was a bore.

~Truman Capote

When God hands you a gift, he also hands you a whip; and the whip is intended for self-flagellation solely.

~Truman Capote

I don't want to own anything until I find a place where me and things go together.

~Truman Capote

I am a completely horizontal author. I can't think unless I'm lying down, either in bed or stretched on a couch.

~Truman Capote

But it's Sunday, Mr. Bell. Clocks are slow on Sundays.

~Truman Capote

Venice is like eating an entire box of chocolate liqueurs in one go.

~Truman Capote

Good writing is rewriting.

~Truman Capote

Champagne does have one regular drawback: swilled as a regular thing a certain sourness settles in the tummy, and the result is permanent bad breath. Really incurable.

~Truman Capote

And since gin to artifice bears the same relation as tears to mascara, her attractions at once dissembled.

~Truman Capote

He loved her, he loved her, and until he'd loved her she had never

minded being alone.

~Truman Capote

It is the want to know the end that makes us believe in God, or witchcraft, believe, at least, in something

~Truman Capote

You can do films for the fun of it, or the thrill of it, but certain films you can't do unless there's something driving you, something you have a passion for that will pull you through.

~Truman Capote

I'll never get used to anything. Anybody that does they might as well be dead.

~Truman Capote

Everybody has to feel superior to somebody," she said. "But it's customary to present a little proof before you take the privilege.

~Truman Capote

Imagination, of course, can open any door - turn the key and let terror walk right in.

~Truman Capote

And in this moment, like a swift intake of breath, the rain came.

~Truman Capote

It's better to look at the sky than live there

~Truman Capote

But I'm not a saint yet. I'm an alcoholic. I'm a drug addict. I'm homosexual. I'm a genius.

~Truman Capote

My major regret in life is that my childhood was unnecessarily lonely.

~Truman Capote

What I found does the most good is just to get into a taxi and go to Tiffany's. It calms me down right away, the quietness and the proud look of it; nothing very bad could happen to you there.

~Truman Capote

Here is a hall without exit, a tunnel without end.

~Truman Capote

The average personality re-shapes frequently, every few years even our bodies undergo a complete overhaul-desirable or not, it is a natural thing that we should change.

~Truman Capote

When I am writing, I try to do it five hours a day but I spend about two of those just fooling around.

~Truman Capote

Dizzy with excitement is no mere phrase.

~Truman Capote

That's not writing, that's typing

~Truman Capote

I like to talk on TV about those things that aren't worth writing about.

~Truman Capote

Just remember: If one bird carried every grain of sand, grain by grain, across the ocean, by the time he got them all on the other side, that would only be the beginning of eternity.

~Truman Capote

One of the most difficult things in writing a novel or anything at all is to choose the point of view from which it's going to be told.

~Truman Capote

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