

# William Goldman Quotes

*Thinking, Men, Book, Love You, Mean, Princess, People, Writing, World, Black,  
Beautiful, Want, Father, Mother, Kissing, Revenge, War, Long, Pain, Princess  
Bride*

Life is pain, highness. Anyone who tells you differently is selling something.

~William Goldman

Nobody knows anything.

~William Goldman

Never go in against a Sicilian when death is on the line.

~William Goldman

Her heart was a secret garden and the walls were very high.

~William Goldman

Westley and I are joined by the bond of love and you cannot track that, not with a thousand bloodhounds, and you cannot break it, not with a thousand swords.

~William Goldman

Never get involved in a land war in Asia.

~William Goldman

Do I love you? My God, if your love were a grain of sand, mine would be a universe of beaches.

~William Goldman

Nobody knows anything..... Not one person in the entire motion picture field knows for a certainty what's going to work. Every time out it's a guess and, if you're lucky, an educated one.

~William Goldman

A good writer is not someone who knows how to write- but how to rewrite

~William Goldman

Just because you're beautiful and perfect, it's made you conceited.

~William Goldman

Enough about my beauty," Buttercup said. "Everybody always talks about how beautiful I am. I've got a mind, Westley. Talk about that.

~William Goldman

One of the easiest things in the world is not to write... If it were easy, everyone would do it.

~William Goldman

It's an accepted fact that all writers are crazy, even the normal ones are weird.

~William Goldman

"We'll never survive!â€• â€œNonsense. You're only saying that because no one ever has."

~William Goldman

True love is the best thing in the world, except for cough drops.

~William Goldman

Love is many things none of them logical.

~William Goldman

When I was your age, television was called books.

~William Goldman

You are trying to kidnap what I have rightfully stolen, and I think it quite ungentlemanly.

~William Goldman

You have to protect your writing time. You have to protect it to the death.

~William Goldman

Life isn't fair. It's just fairer than death, that's all.

~William Goldman

Who says life is fair, where is that written?

~William Goldman

Anything there is that I can do for you, I will do for you; anything there is that I cannot do, I will learn to do.

~William Goldman

Death cannot stop true love. All it can do is delay it for a while.

~William Goldman

Cynics are simply thwarted romantics.

~William Goldman

Good night, Westley. Good work. Sleep well. I'll most likely kill you in the morning.

~William Goldman

Have fun storming the castle!

~William Goldman

When was the last time you read a book? The truth now. And picture books don't count-I mean something with print in it.

~William Goldman

He was the mighty Fezzik, lover of rhymes, and you did not give up, no matter what.

~William Goldman

He's right on top of us. I wonder if he is using the same wind we are

using.

~William Goldman

My name is Inigo Montoya, you killed my father, prepare to die!

~William Goldman

I love you. Okay? Want it louder? I LOVE YOU. Spell it out, should I? I ell-oh-vee-ee why-oh-you. Want it backward? You love I.

~William Goldman

Inconceivable!" "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means.

~William Goldman

Is this a kissing book?

~William Goldman

I've been in the revenge buisness for so long, now that it's over I don't know what to do with the rest of my life.

~William Goldman

I know something you do not know. I am not left-handed either.

~William Goldman

In Hollywood, no one knows anything.

~William Goldman

The hollowness was in his arms and the world was snowing.

~William Goldman

I mean if we even had a wheelbarrow, that would be something.

~William Goldman

Why do you wear a mask and hood?" I think everybody will in the near

future," was the man in black's reply. "They're terribly comfortable.

~William Goldman

Since the invention of the kiss, there have only been five kisses that were rated the most passionate, the most pure. This one left them all behind.

~William Goldman

The enemy is always in the mind.

~William Goldman

I write out of revenge.

~William Goldman

I'll tell you the truth and its up to you to live with it.

~William Goldman

Miracle Max: Have fun stormin' da castle. Valerie: Think it'll work?  
Miracle Max: It would take a miracle.

~William Goldman

Fezzik's in trouble, bubble bubble, His brain is just not in the pink, His mind is rubble, rub-a-dub double, Because everyone needs him to think.

~William Goldman

Westley: This is true love â€” you think this happens every day?

~William Goldman

There were some things you did, no matter what, and when a friend needed help, you helped them.

~William Goldman

There is no room in my body for anything but you.

~William Goldman

You could concentrate much more deeply when you were alone with agony.

~William Goldman

I am as devoted to adventure now as then, and that's never going to stop.

~William Goldman

If all that's going on in your scenes is what's going on in your scenes, think about it a long time.

~William Goldman

This is my favorite book in all the world, though I have never read it.

~William Goldman

Look, are you just fiddling around with me or what?" "I just want you to feel you're doing well. I hate for people to die embarrassed.

~William Goldman

You can never trust what you read.

~William Goldman

Someone would have to keep his wits, and he had assumed automatically that since Fezzik had so few, he would find retaining them not all that difficult.

~William Goldman

I don't guess. I think. I ponder. I deduce. Then I decide. But I never guess.

~William Goldman

There is one crucial rule that must be followed in all creative meetings.

Never speak first. At least at the start, your job is to shut up.

~William Goldman

Never argue with your wife about hostility when she's a certified Freudian.

~William Goldman

At 8:23 there seemed every chance of a lasting alliance starting between Florin and Guilder. At 8:24 the two nations were very close to war.

~William Goldman

Being a screenwriter is not enough for a full creative life.

~William Goldman

Flaws would not only bring death but, far worse, humiliation.

~William Goldman

The infant is ten and he stays.

~William Goldman

You're alive!" Fezzik cried. The man in black sat immobile, like a ventriloquist's dummy, just his mouth moving. "That is perhaps the most childishly obvious remark I have ever come across.

~William Goldman

He had risked his life and now it was walking away from him, hand-in-hand with a Ruffian prince.

~William Goldman

I must be overtired', Buttercup managed. 'The excitement and all.' 'Rest then', her mother cautioned. 'Terrible things can happen when you're overtired. I was overtired the night your father proposed.

~William Goldman



Buttercup's mother whirled on him. 'Did you forget to pay your taxes?' (This was after taxes. But everything is after taxes. Taxes were here even before stew.)

~William Goldman

"I could give you my word as a Spaniard," Inigo said. "No good," the man in black replied. "I've known too many Spaniards."

~William Goldman

There are always too few perfect breasts in this world; leave yours alone.

~William Goldman

I seemed busy, busy, busy, but I suppose, if pressed, I might have admitted that, for all my frenzy, I was very much alone.

~William Goldman

The Duchess set about studying Annette and shortly found her adversary's tragic flaw. Chocolate.

~William Goldman

No more rhymes now I mean it! • • • Anybody want a peanut? • • • AAHH!

~William Goldman

Life is difficult. Anyone who says different is trying to sell you something.

~William Goldman

But when a girl gives a boy a dead squid - that had to mean something.

~William Goldman

i have come to terms with my life, and that is my affair - i am not cold, i

swear, but i have decided certain things, it is best for me to ignore emotion; i have not been happy dealing with it.

~William Goldman

As far as the filmmaking process is concerned, stars are essentially worthless - and absolutely essential.

~William Goldman

You are wonderful, Father." "I'm more than wonderful, how dare you insult me.

~William Goldman

There's death coming up, and you better understand this:some of the wrong people die.Be ready for it.

~William Goldman

Mawidge is a dweam wiffin a dweam. The dweam of wuv wapped wiffin the gweater dweam of everwasting west. Eternity is our fwiend, wemember that, and wuv wiw fowwow you foweever.

~William Goldman

You're an enemy of art and I pity your ignorance," Domingo said.

~William Goldman

Dummy, dummy, go out now and fill your tummy.

~William Goldman

For you see each day I love you more today more than yesterday and less than tomorrow. Just because you're beautiful and perfect, it's made you conceited.

~William Goldman

Let's look on the bright side: we're having an adventure, Fezzik, and most people live and die without being as lucky as we are.

~William Goldman

I just know once you're over your emotional outbursts, you'll come up with-' I mean if we even had a wheelbarrow, that would be something,' Westley said.

~William Goldman

The easiest thing to do on earth is not writeâ€¦!But this is life on earth, you can't have everything.

~William Goldman

You think this is a trap then?" the Count asked. "I always think everything is a trap until proven otherwise," the Prince answered. "Which is why I'm still alive.

~William Goldman

One way an author dies a little each day is when his books go out of print.

~William Goldman

You don't want to be rude but you have to be careful - there are a lot of strange people out there. (Goldman attributes this quote to Cliff Robertson.)

~William Goldman

Inside and out, Westley's world was ripping apart and he could do nothing but crack along with it.

~William Goldman

You seem a decent fellow," Inigo said. "I hate to kill you." You seem a decent fellow," answered the man in black. "I hate to die.

~William Goldman

I'm not witch. I'm your wife.

~William Goldman

Existence was really very simple when you did what you were told.

~William Goldman

Duhhhhhhh, tanks, Buttercup.

~William Goldman

I don't like killing a girl," the Spaniard said. "God does it all the time; if it doesn't bother Him, don't let it worry you.

~William Goldman

Mawwage. Mawwage is what bwings us together today.

~William Goldman

Get used to disappointment.

~William Goldman

Yes, I am a failed playwright. I had three shows on Broadway by the time I was 30. They all flopped, and I fled.

~William Goldman

My Westley will come for me.

~William Goldman

Anybody that says different is selling something.

~William Goldman

You have a dizzying intellect.

~William Goldman

Who are you?" "No one of consequence." "I must know." "Get used to disappointment.

~William Goldman

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