

# William Hazlitt

## Quotes

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The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves.

~William Hazlitt

A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.

~William Hazlitt

Grace has been defined as the outward expression of the inward harmony of the soul.

~William Hazlitt

Do not keep on with a mockery of friendship after the substance is gone - but part, while you can part friends. Bury the carcass of friendship: it is not worth embalming.

~William Hazlitt

There is no prejudice so strong as that which arises from a fancied exemption from all prejudice.

~William Hazlitt

Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves.

~William Hazlitt

The more we do, the more we can do; the more busy we are, the more leisure we have.

~William Hazlitt

Fashion is gentility running away from vulgarity and afraid of being overtaken

~William Hazlitt

I'm not smart, but I like to observe. Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why.

~William Hazlitt

We are very much what others think of us. The reception our observations meet with gives us courage to proceed, or damps our efforts.

~William Hazlitt

To be wiser than other men is to be honest than they; and strength of mind is only courage to see and speak the truth.

~William Hazlitt

Man is a make-believe animal: he is never so truly himself as when he is acting a part.

~William Hazlitt

Satirists gain the applause of others through fear, not through love.

~William Hazlitt

Dandyism is a species of genius.

~William Hazlitt

One said a tooth drawer was a kind of unconscionable trade, because his trade was nothing else but to take away those things whereby every man gets his living.

~William Hazlitt

One truth discovered, one pang of regret at not being able to express it, is better than all the fluency and flippancy in the world.

~William Hazlitt

The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure very much.

~William Hazlitt

To be capable of steady friendship or lasting love, are the two greatest

proofs, not only of goodness of heart, but of strength of mind.

~William Hazlitt

The only vice that cannot be forgiven is hypocrisy. The repentance of a hypocrite is itself hypocrisy.

~William Hazlitt

He who undervalues himself is justly undervalued by others.

~William Hazlitt

The most insignificant people are the most apt to sneer at others. They are safe from reprisals. And have no hope of rising in their own self esteem but by lowering their neighbors.

~William Hazlitt

Those only deserve a monument who do not need one.

~William Hazlitt

The garb of religion is the best cloak for power.

~William Hazlitt

A great mind is one that can forget or look beyond itself.

~William Hazlitt

Violent antipathies are always suspicious, and betray a secret affinity.

~William Hazlitt

Horus non numero nisi serenas (I count only the sunny hours).

~William Hazlitt

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.

~William Hazlitt

The most learned are often the most narrow minded.

~William Hazlitt

Nothing is more unjust or capricious than public opinion.

~William Hazlitt

The smallest pain in our little finger gives us more concern than the destruction of millions of our fellow beings.

~William Hazlitt

An honest man speaks the truth, though it may give offence; a vain man, in order that it may.

~William Hazlitt

To be remembered after we are dead, is but poor recompense for being treated with contempt while we are living.

~William Hazlitt

Rules and models destroy genius and art.

~William Hazlitt

There cannot be a surer proof of low origin, or of an innate meanness of disposition, than to be always talking and thinking of being genteel.

~William Hazlitt

The ignorance of the world leaves one at the mercy of its malice.

~William Hazlitt

If you think you can win, you can win. Faith is necessary to victory.

~William Hazlitt

We are never so much disposed to quarrel with others as when we are dissatisfied with ourselves.

~William Hazlitt

The diffusion of taste is not the same thing as the improvement of taste.

~William Hazlitt

If the world were good for nothing else, it is a fine subject for speculation.

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The more you do, the more you can do.

~William Hazlitt

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they ought to be.

~William Hazlitt

Grace in women has more effect than beauty.

~William Hazlitt

You will hear more good things on the outside of a stagecoach from London to Oxford than if you were to pass a twelvemonth with the undergraduates, or heads of colleges, of that famous university.

~William Hazlitt

Prejudice is the child of ignorance.

~William Hazlitt

There is a secret pride in every human heart that revolts at tyranny. You may order and drive an individual, but you cannot make him respect you.

~William Hazlitt

Love turns, with a little indulgence, to indifference or disgust; hatred alone is immortal.

~William Hazlitt

Great thoughts reduced to practice become great acts.

~William Hazlitt

Reflection makes men cowards.

~William Hazlitt

Poverty is the test of civility and the touchstone of friendship.

~William Hazlitt

A hypocrite despises those whom he deceives, but has no respect for himself. He would make a dupe of himself too, if he could.

~William Hazlitt

It is only those who never think at all, or else who have accustomed themselves to brood invariably on abstract ideas, that ever feel ennui.

~William Hazlitt

No one ever approaches perfection except by stealth, and unknown to themselves.

~William Hazlitt

Some people break promises for the pleasure of breaking them.

~William Hazlitt

One is always more vexed at losing a game of any sort by a single hole or ace, than if one has never had a chance of winning it.

~William Hazlitt

The seat of knowledge is in the head; of wisdom, in the heart. We are sure to judge wrong, if we do not feel right.

~William Hazlitt

Political truth is libel; religious truth, blasphemy.

~William Hazlitt

A scholar is like a book written in a dead language. It is not every one that can read in it.

~William Hazlitt

We grow tired of ourselves, much more of other people.

~William Hazlitt

Common sense, to most people, is nothing more than their own opinions.

~William Hazlitt

The most sensible people to be met with in society are men of business and of the world, who argue from what they see and know, instead of spinning cobweb distinctions of what things ought to be.

~William Hazlitt

Cunning is the art of concealing our own defects, and discovering other people's weaknesses.

~William Hazlitt

The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard.

~William Hazlitt

Malice often takes the garb of truth.

~William Hazlitt

Books let us into their souls and lay open to us the secrets of our own.

~William Hazlitt

A gentleman is one who understands and shows every mark of deference to the claims of self-love in others, and exacts it in return

from them.

~William Hazlitt

He who would see old Hoghton right Must view it by the pale moonlight.

~William Hazlitt

No truly great person ever thought themselves so.

~William Hazlitt

Just as much as we see in others we have in ourselves.

~William Hazlitt

We do not see nature with our eyes, but with our understandings and our hearts.

~William Hazlitt

Look up, laugh loud, talk big, keep the color in your cheek and the fire in your eye, adorn your person, maintain your health, your beauty and your animal spirits.

~William Hazlitt

When a thing ceases to be a subject of controversy, it ceases to be a subject of interest.

~William Hazlitt

The way to secure success is to be more anxious about obtaining than about deserving it.

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~William Hazlitt

As is our confidence, so is our capacity.

~William Hazlitt

The multitude who require to be led, still hate their leaders.

~William Hazlitt

A man knows his companion in a long journey and a little inn.

~William Hazlitt

The way to procure insults is to submit to them. A man meets with no more respect than he exacts.

~William Hazlitt

We are not hypocrites in our sleep.

~William Hazlitt

Landscape painting is the obvious resource of misanthropy.

~William Hazlitt

We find many things to which the prohibition of them constitutes the only temptation.

~William Hazlitt

Zeal will do more than knowledge.

~William Hazlitt

Do not quarrel with the world too soon; for, bad as it may be, it is the best we have to live in, here. If railing would have made it better, it would have been reformed long ago.

~William Hazlitt

People of genius do not excel in any profession because they work in it, they work in it because they excel.

~William Hazlitt

The difference between the vanity of a Frenchman and an Englishman seems to be this: the one thinks everything right that is French, the other thinks everything wrong that is not English.

~William Hazlitt

It is better to desire than to enjoy, to love than to be loved.

~William Hazlitt

There is an unseemly exposure of the mind, as well as of the body.

~William Hazlitt

Grace is the absence of everything that indicates pain or difficulty, hesitation or incongruity.

~William Hazlitt

He who comes up to his own idea of greatness must always have had a very low standard of it in his mind.

~William Hazlitt

Those who make their dress a principal part of themselves, will, in general, become of no more value than their dress.

~William Hazlitt

Faith is necessary to victory.

~William Hazlitt

Envy is a littleness of soul, which cannot see beyond a certain point, and if it does not occupy the whole space feels itself excluded.

~William Hazlitt

The best part of our lives we pass in counting on what is to come.

~William Hazlitt

Habitual liars invent falsehoods not to gain any end or even to deceive

their hearers, but to amuse themselves. It is partly practice and partly habit. It requires an effort in them to speak truth.

~William Hazlitt

Those people who are uncomfortable in themselves are disagreeable to others.

~William Hazlitt

We often forget our dreams so speedily: if we cannot catch them as they are passing out at the door, we never set eyes on them again.

~William Hazlitt

When we forget old friends, it is a sign we have forgotten ourselves.

~William Hazlitt

There is no one thoroughly despicable. We cannot descend much lower than an idiot; and an idiot has some advantages over a wise man.

~William Hazlitt

The incentive to ambition is the love of power.

~William Hazlitt

To give a reason for anything is to breed a doubt of it.

~William Hazlitt

Our energy is in proportion to the resistance it meets.

~William Hazlitt

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