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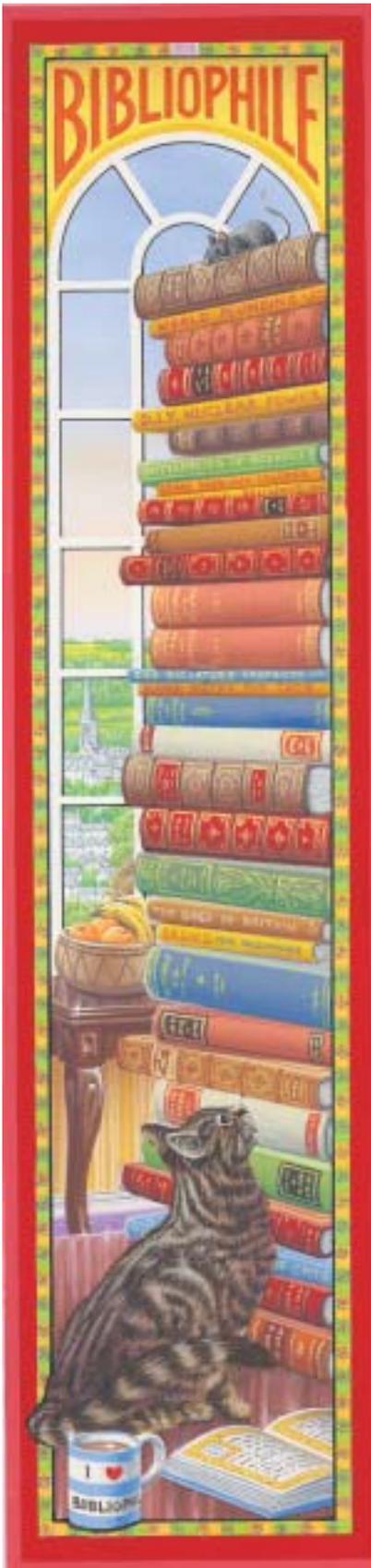


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Bibliophile this year celebrates its 30th birthday. For many years, we have been asked on many occasions to compile a book of our pithy and cheeky quotes.

The quotes have always been a trademark of our literary style - upmarket, highbrow and discerning, the selection of these quotes, like the books, still follows my late mentor, Bill Smith's, criteria.

Our customers often tell us they clip out and collect them. We use our huge library of reference books and collate the best quotes into our categories for every catalogue - something we have lovingly done since 1978!

Here is our choice of the very best from the past 30 years.

* Denotes Top Pick. Enjoy!

Annie and the Team (plus Cats!)

1980s THE FOUNDING FATHERS

Since 1978 Bibliophile has been selling bargain books.

The very name "**Bibliophile**" was dreamed up by an Australian journalist Max Harris with former owner Bill Smith. Bill was editor of the trade publication "Books and Bookmen", a librarian and owner of a chain of bargain bookshops eponymously named 'Booksmith'.

A doyen of the book trade, he was the first to open his shops until 9pm and leave wire baskets by the door to indulge his bookloving customers.



Bill Smith

His first Editor, Lucia, introduced the first Cats to the editorial "... and the Team (plus Cats)".

1980s

Catalogue 112 June 1985

HUMOUR

Laugh at yourself first, before
anyone else can.

Elsa Maxwell

HEALTH

*

Obesity is really widespread.

Joseph O'Kearn II

LITERATURE

A diary is all penned-up emotion.

Honey Greer

MUSIC & DANCE

*

He who cannot dance puts the
blame on the floor.

Hindu Proverb

RELIGION

There is only one religion, though
there are a hundred versions of it.

George Bernard Shaw

TRAVEL

France has neither winter nor
summer nor morals.

Mark Twain

WORDS

Bachelor: A man who never makes
the same mistake once.

Ed Wynn

HISTORY

In history, there seems to be only a
negative learning. One notes what
one has done to others in order to
hold it against them.

Elias Canetti

ENTERTAINMENT

I don't think Europeans make better
films - they can't even keep their
johns clean.

Peter Fonda

TRUE CRIME

Don't call a man honest just because
he never had the chance to steal.

Yiddish saying

FOOD & DRINK

To make authentic chili con carne, a
piece of dark chocolate should be
added to the meat mixture.

And Not Many People Know This

by Michael Caine

BIOGRAPHY

He is so narrow-minded that if he
fell on a pin, it would blind him in
both eyes.

Fred Allen

COLLECTABLES

If in his study he hath so much care
To hang all old strange things, let
his wife beware!

John Donne

ART & ARCHITECTURE

The moment you cheat for the sake
of beauty, you know you are an
artist.

Max Jacob

FICTION

The novelist, afraid his ideas may be
foolish, slyly puts them in the mouth
of some other fool and reserves the
right to disavow them.

Diane Johnson

GREAT BRITAIN

If you want to eat well in England,
eat three breakfasts.

W. Somerset Maugham

NATURE

*

What has 16 legs, 14 testicles and
two tiny breasts? Answer: Snow
White and the seven dwarves.

Anon.

SPORT

What's worse than an octopus with
tennis elbow? Answer: A centipede
with athlete's foot.

From *The Big Book of Jokes and
Riddles*

MISCELLANY

Closet queen: Victoria rearranges
her wardrobe again and her clothes
are not amused.

David Mackler

MODERN HISTORY

Once there were two brothers; one
ran away to sea, the other was
elected Vice-President - and nothing
was ever heard of them again.

Thomas Marshall

WAR & MILITARIA

War may make a fool of man, but it
by no means degrades him; on the
contrary, it tends to exalt him, and
its net effects are much like those of
motherhood on women.

H.L. Mencken

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

A hobby a day keeps the doldrums
away.

Phyllis McGinley

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Ah, the patter of little feet around
the house. There's nothing like
having a midget for a butler.

W.C. Fields

OCCULT

What song the Syrens sang, or what
name Achilles assumed when he hid
himself among women, though
puzzling questions, are not beyond
all conjecture.

Sir Thomas Browne

TRANSPORT

There was a young fellow of Ceuta
Who rode into Church on his
scooter;

He knocked down the Dean

And said: "Sorry, old bean,

I oughta have sounded my hooter."

Anon.

Catalogue 120 April 1989

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

What you hold, holds you.

Anon

ART & ARCHITECTURE

Aw, give me a good cathedral any day of the week, Gothic, mate, something to amaze the eye. To me this is just a big rockery in need of gardening.

Australian visitor's view of Stonehenge, June 1993

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Boys and girls come out to play,
The moon doth shine as bright as day.

William King (1708)

BIOGRAPHY

Memoirs: when you put down the good things you ought to have done, and leave out the bad ones you did do - that's memoirs.

Will Rogers

CRIME

Public benevolence can never be a substitute for private virtue; it is more important, and more difficult, to check one outburst of temper, however trivial, than to engage in any number of public demonstrations against collective brutality and injustice.

Malcolm Muggeridge

ENTERTAINMENT

Nobody ever tells you if you are no good on television. They just say they didn't see it.

Matthew Paris

EROTICA

Say what you like about the Ten Commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them.

H.L. Mencken

FICTION

His book hit the world with all the impact of a feather falling on to a piece of damp blotting-paper.

Patrick Moore

FOOD & DRINK

A poor man who eats too much, as contradistinguished from a gourmand, who is a rich man who "lives well."

Elbert Hubbard

GREAT BRITAIN

The poetry of earth is never dead;
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hid in cooling trees, a voice will run

From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead.

Keats

HEALTH *

If you're feeling low, don't despair, the sun has a sinking spell every night, but it comes back up every morning.

Anon

HISTORY

Men wiser and more learned than I have discerned in history a plot, a rhythm, a predetermined pattern.

These harmonies are concealed from me. I can see only one emergency following on another.

H.A.L. Fisher

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

The best mind-altering drug is truth.

Lily Tomlin

HUMOUR

Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light!

T.V discussion show Kilroy on eccentrics

LITERATURE

We all write poems. It is simply that poets are the ones that write in words.

John Fowler "French Lieutenant's Woman"

MODERN HISTORY

You cannot expect to sit down at a negotiating table while keeping a 1,000lb bomb in a van outside...

Dick Spring on involving Sinn Fein in the political process

MUSIC AND DANCE

It is better to do something in bad taste than to be monotonous.

Pablo Casals

NATURE

Men of the future - perhaps very soon - can live as fishes!

Jacques Cousteau

OCCULT

If the creator were conscious of himself he would not need conscious creatures.

Jung

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Psychiatry's chief contribution to philosophy is the discovery that the toilet is the seat of the soul.

Alexander Chase

SCIENCE

When I find myself in the company of scientists, I feel like a shabby curate who has strayed by mistake into a drawing-room full of dukes.

W.H. Auden

SPORT

The question "Who ought to be boss?" is like asking "Who ought to be the tenor in the quartet?"

Obviously, the man who can sing tenor.

Henry Ford

TRANSPORT

We're about to enter the age of flight before we've even developed a chair that a man can sit on comfortably.

Philip Wylie (B.1902)

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

Don't squat when waiting for a bus or a person. Don't spit in public.

Don't point at people with your fingers. Don't make noise. Don't laugh loudly. Don't yell or call to people from a distance. Don't pick your teeth, pick your nose, blow your nose, pick at your ears, rub your eyes or rub dirt off your skin. Don't scratch, take off your shoes,

burp, stretch or hum. When walking, keep your steps light. If you are in an emergency, you may quicken your pace, but do not run wildly.

From a Chinese government list of tips to travellers abroad

WAR & MILITARIA

Tell the truth, and so puzzle and confound your adversaries.

Henry Wotton (1568-1639)

WORDS

People resent articulacy, as if articulacy were a form of vice.

Frederic Raphael

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RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Most sailors are religious: daily peril makes them so.

from Leo Rosten's *Treasury of Jewish Quotations*

BIOGRAPHY

"Did you find yourself reminiscing a great deal in your autobiography?"

Gloria Hunniford

OCCULT

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.

Joseph Conrad

GREAT BRITAIN

I did a picture in England one winter and it was so cold I almost got married.

Shelley Winters

FOOD AND DRINK *

Don't eat too many almonds; they add weight to the breasts.

Colette

LITERATURE

In 1969 I published a small book on humility. It was a pioneering work which has not, to my knowledge, been superseded.

Lord Longford

EROTICA

It takes a lot of experience for a girl to kiss like a beginner.

Anonymous

SCIENCE *

Modern science is still unable to produce a better tranquilizer than a few kind words.

Reader's Digest

FICTION

It was a book to kill time for those who like it better dead.

Rose Macaulay

HISTORY

... take it all in all, gentlemen have made the best historians.

Hilaire Belloc

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Travel is atavistic, the day will come when there will be no more traffic at all and only newly-weds will travel.

Max Frisch

WAR AND MILITARIA

War is like love, it always finds a way.

Bertolt Brecht

WORDS

We must use words as they are used or stand aside from life.

Ivy Compton-Burnett

COLLECTIBLES

Certainly it is more reasonable to devote one's life to women than to postage-stamps or old snuffboxes,

even to pictures or statues. Only the example of other collectors should be a warning to us to make changes, to have not one woman only but several.

Marcel Proust

ART & ARCHITECTURE

Some day, in this England that has so often borne beauty, her genius will again move, in the unexpected ways of insight. Man will re-create the arts, or die.

John Masefield.

MODERN HISTORY

History generally, and the history of revolutions in particular, is always richer in content, more varied, more many-sided, more lively and more "subtle" than even the best parties and the most class-conscious vanguards of the most advanced classes imagine.

Vladimir I. Lenin

NATURE

I think that I am violating no confidence when I say that Nature holds many mysteries which we humans have not fathomed as yet. Some of them may not even be worth fathoming.

Robert Benchley

HUMOUR

They [humourists] lead, as a matter of fact, an existence of jumpiness and apprehension. They sit on the edge of the chair of literature. In the house of Life they have the feeling that they have never taken off their overcoats.

James Thurber

HEALTH

Aunt Sadie ... so much disliked hearing about her health that people often took her for a Christian Scientist, which, indeed she might have become had she not disliked hearing about religion even more.

Nancy Mitford

MUSIC & DANCE

The plain fact is that music “per se” means nothing; it is sheer sound, and the interpreter can do no more with it than his own capacities, mental and spiritual, will allow, and the same applies to the listener.

Sir Thomas Beecham

ENTERTAINMENT

You know, I go to the theatre to be entertained ... I don't want to see plays about rape, sodomy and drug addiction ... I can get all that at home.

Peter Cook

CRIME

I came to the conclusion many years ago that almost all crime is due to the repressed desire for aesthetic expression.

Evelyn Waugh

TRANSPORT

The automobile did not put the adventures of travel within reach of the common man. Instead, it first gave him the opportunity to make himself more and more common.

John Ketas

MISCELLANY

I never was much on this Book reading, for it takes 'em too long to describe the colour of the eyes of all the characters.

Will Rogers

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

Never try to out-stubborn a cat.
Robert Heinlein ('Time Enough for Love')

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WAR

Sleep after toil, port after stormy seas, ease after war, death after life does greatly please.

Edmund Spenser

OCCULT

The sea never changes and its works, for all the talk of men, are wrapped in mystery.

Joseph Conrad

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Tweedledum and Tweedledee agreed to have a battle; for Tweedledum said Tweedledee had spoiled his nice new rattle.

Lewis Carroll

FOOD AND DRINK

Watermelon - it's a good fruit. You eat, you drink, you wash your face.

Enrico Caruso

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Time is God's way of keeping things from happening all at once.

Anonymous Texan Graffiti

GREAT BRITAIN

To make a union with Great Britain would be fusion with a corpse.
(On Churchill's proposal for Anglo-French union, 1940.)

Marshal Pétain

HISTORY

History must not be written with bias, and both sides must be given, even if there is only one side.

John Betjeman

SCIENCE

Science, at bottom, is really anti-intellectual. It always distrusts pure reason, and demands the production of objective fact.

H.L. Mencken

MODERN HISTORY

History is too serious to be left to historians.

Iain MacLeod

EROTICA *

Prostitution gives her an opportunity to meet people. It provides fresh air and wholesome

exercise, and it keeps her out of trouble. - Joseph Heller.

LITERATURE

Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice; journalism what will be grasped at once.

Cyril Connolly

MUSIC

Concerts in England have no future; I have no future; nobody has any future.

Sir Thomas Beecham

BIOGRAPHY

Biography, like big-game hunting, is one of the recognised forms of sport, and it is as unfair as only sport can be.

Philip Guedalla

FICTION

Casting my mind's eye over the whole of fiction, the only absolutely original creation I can think of is

Don Quixote.

W. Somerset Maugham

TRANSPORT

The study of railway stations is something like the study of churches. It can be turned into archaeological detection work.

John Betjeman ('Flower of Cities: A Book of London', 1949)

HEALTH

We are all ill: but even a universal sickness implies an idea of health.

Lionel Trilling ('The Liberal Imagination')

ART & ARCHITECTURE

If you want to know what is actually occurring inside, underneath, at the centre, at any given moment, art is a truer guide than 'politics', more often than not.
Percy Wyndham Lewis ('Time and Western Man')

SPORT

Personally, I have always looked on cricket as organised loafing.
William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury

HUMOUR

Pastiche is always rash, but what I find worse is when people think it's easy to copy my verses!
Ogden Nash

WORDS

Oscar Wilde
When no more a child
Would entertain with epigrams
The captive occupants of adjacent prams.

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

Always exaggerate the importance of important things and overlook their deficiencies.
Hugh Stevenson Tigner

ENTERTAINMENT *

Those in the cheaper seats clap. The rest of you rattle your jewellery.
John Lennon at the Royal Variety Performance 1963

CRIME

Justice is what we get when the decision is in our favour.
John W. Raper

TRAVEL & PLACES

I've had it with these dopey little countries and all their pokey borders. You can't swing a cat without sending it through customs. Everything's too small. The cars are too small. The elevators are the size of broom closets. Even the languages are itty-bitty. Sometimes you need two or three just to get you through till lunch.
P.J. O'Rourke on Europe (from 'Holidays in Hell')

NATURE

I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.
Abraham Lincoln

Catalogue 123 July 1989**MUSIC & DANCE**

Luciano Pavarotti
Tends to drive his neighbours dotti.
Their taste for Pagliacci
Could only be described as pacci,
And for Boheme - more or less the seme.

LITERATURE

The author of "Persuasion"
On a social occasion,
Would remark each behavioural quirk
For subsequent use in a forthcoming work.

BABY BIBLIOPHILE *

Child! Do not throw this book about!
Refrain from the unholy pleasure
Of cutting all the pictures out!
Hilaire Belloc

COLLECTIBLES *

It is only when you have grandchildren that you realise that all the best books in the library are in the children's section.
Helen Exley

SPORT

Personally, I have always looked on cricket as organised loafing.
William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury (remark to parents when Headmaster of Repton School.)

HISTORY

No arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all, continual fear and danger of violent death; and the life of man solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.
Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679)

TRANSPORT

Restore human legs as a means of travel; pedestrians rely on food for fuel and need no special parking facilities.
Lewis Mumford

WORDS

Some sentences release their poison only after years.
Elias Canetti

BIOGRAPHY

My wife has a whim of iron.
Oliver Hereford

CRIME

Open your wallet and repeat after me: 'Help yourself'!
Heard on BBC

EROTICA *

Sex seems to me one of the few permanently and everlasting amusing subjects that exist.
Aldous Huxley

MUSIC & DANCE *

Last night the New York Philharmonic played Brahms.
Brahms lost.
Dorothy Parker

GREAT BRITAIN

England has civilisation but no culture.
Robin Mathews

ENTERTAINMENT

She was deaf and her memory for lines was not good. Yet she never minded when I prompted her during a take. I think she was remembering silent films, when the director would talk and film her at the same time.
Lindsay Anderson, who directed Lillian Gish in her last film

TRAVEL & PLACES

A Dutch tourist was helped by police in Wiltshire after getting lost and driving 500 miles around the West Country in search of a caravan site in Dorset where he had left his wife.
Newspaper report

HEALTH

He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.
Arabian Proverb

NATURE

The Queen said, "One's corgi,
Is a well behaved dorgi,
But on has to admit that he snarls
At Charls!"

LITERATURE

The poet Shelley (Percy Bysshe)
Was heard to voice a pious wysse.
That Fate would now place some
restriction

Upon his wife's propensity for
writing science fiction.

FOOD & DRINK

I have not been afraid of excess:
excess on occasion is exhilarating. It
prevents moderation from acquiring
the deadening effect of a habit.

W. Somerset Maugham

FICTION

Fiction is like a spider's web,
attached ever so slightly perhaps,
but still attached to life at all four
corners.

Virginia Woolf

SCIENCE

While bright-eyed Science watches
round.

Thomas Gray

OCCULT

He must have a long spoon, that
must eat with the Devil.

Geoffrey Chaucer

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

When I am grown to man's estate
I shall be very proud and great,
And tell the other girls and boys
Not to meddle with my toys.

Robert Louis Stevenson

WAR & MILITARIA

To be prepared for war is one of the
most effectual means of preserving
peace.

George Washington

RELIGION

The writers against religion, whilst
they oppose every system, are

wisely careful never to set up any of
their own.

Edmund Burke

HUMOUR

Life is a jest, and all things show it:
I thought so once, but now I know
it.

John Gay

MISCELLANY

Some books are to be tasted, others
to be swallowed, and some few to
be chewed and digested.

Francis Bacon

ART & ARCHITECTURE

The great artist is the simplifier.

Amiel

MODERN HISTORY

History casts its shadow far into the
land of song.

Longfellow.

Catalogue 124 September 1989**COLLECTABLES ***

You can tell Victorian walnut from
Queen Anne walnut and they're as
unlike one another as I don't know
what.

Arthur Negus

EROTICA

Amour is the human activity of any
importance in which laughter and
pleasure preponderate, if ever so
slightly, over misery and pain.

Aldous Huxley

MUSIC & DANCE

A Russian composer called Glinka,
With another man's tunes used to
tinker.

Variations in C

On a Strauss melody

Made the latter exclaim "Oh, your
stinker"!

J. Orange

HEALTH

A rule of thumb in the matter of
medical advice is to take everything

any doctor says with a grain of
aspirin.

Goodman Ace

ENTERTAINMENT *

I don't like appearing with a bare-
breasted woman on screen because
no one is looking at me.

Michael Caine

TRAVEL & PLACES

Travel makes a wise man better, but
a fool worse.

Thomas Fuller

NATURE *

When a plant is clicking, it is saying
it wants water and when it goes
quiet it is essentially saying it has
enough.

Professor Malcolm Wilkins, botanist

LITERATURE

Little presses write to me for
manuscripts and when I write back
that I haven't any, they write to ask
if they can print the letter saying I
haven't any.

John Steinbeck

FOOD & DRINK

He was a bold man who first
swallowed a strawberry.

James VI of Scotland

SPORT

I remember being upset once and
telling my dad I wasn't following
through right, and he replied
"Nancy, it doesn't make any
difference to a ball what you do
after you hit it.

Nancy Lopez

FICTION

The writer is the child of parents of
contrasting and even conflicting
temperaments and points of view,
and in consequence is unable to
accept anything on authority but has
to try and think out everything for
himself.

Margaret Stansgate

SCIENCE

Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night:
 God said, "Let Newton be!" and all was light.
 Alexander Pope (Epitaph for Sir Isaac Newton)

OCCULT

For my part, I have ever believed, and do now know, that there are witches.
 Sir Thomas Browne

WAR & MILITARIA

My voice is still for war.
 Joseph Addison

RELIGION

There's naught, no doubt, so much the spirit calms
 As rum and true religion.
 Lord Byron

HUMOUR

Full well they laugh'd, with counterfeited glee,
 At all his jokes, for many a joke had he.
 Oliver Goldsmith

BIOGRAPHY

Modesty: the gentle art of enhancing your charm by pretending not to be aware of it.
 Oliver Hereford

CRIME

Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others.
 Oscar Wilde

WORDS *

It is not the function of a comma to help a wheezing sentence get its health back.
 Keith Waterhouse

TRANSPORT *

Airline travel is hours of boredom interrupted by moments of stark terror.
 Al Boliska

HISTORY

Nor on this land alone -
 But be God's mercies known
 From shore to shore
 Lord, make the nations see
 That men should brothers be,
 And form one family
 The wide world o'er.
 William Edward Hickson

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt;
 Nothing's so hard but search will find it out.
 Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

ART & ARCHITECTURE

None but blockheads copy each other.
 William Blake

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Besides they [children] always smell of bread and butter.
 Byron

GREAT BRITAIN

And read their history in a nation's eyes.
 Thomas Gray

Catalogue 125 October 1989**GREAT BRITAIN**

Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,
 Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues,
 With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;
 But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye.
 Kipling

HISTORY

For undemocratic reasons and for motives not of state,
 They arrive at their conclusions - largely inarticulate.
 Being void of self-expression they confide their views to none;

But sometimes in a smoking room, one learns why things were done.
 Kipling

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

The Grizzly Bear is huge and wild;
 He has devoured the infant child.
 The infant child is not aware
 He has been eaten by the bear.
 A.E. Housman

COLLECTIBLES

I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. I love to keep it by me: the idea of getting rid of it nearly breaks my heart.
 Jerome K. Jerome

EROTICA

I feel sure that no girl could go to the altar, and would probably refuse if she knew all...
 Queen Victoria

HEALTH

It is better to lose a pint of blood from your veins than to have a nerve tapped.
 Holmes

LITERATURE *

Book Lack in Ongar
 Private Eye headline on a Librarians' strike in Essex

MUSIC & BALLET

Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.
 Anonymous

TRAVEL

When I had looked at the lights of Broadway by night, I said to my American friends: "What a glorious garden of wonders this would be, to any one who was lucky enough to be unable to read."
 G.K. Chesterton

WORDS

Even a platitude dropped from a sufficiently great height can sound like a brick.
 Peregrine Worsthorpe

RELIGION

Religion, if in heavenly truths
attired,
Needs only to be seen to be
admired.
Cowper

ENTERTAINMENT

Attitudes to museums have
changed. If the London Theatre
Museum had Marilyn Monroe's
knickers or Laurence Olivier's
jockstrap they would flock to it.
Jonathan Miller

CRIME

Pacco does sound the kind of man
who would be improved by death.
Sir Gerald Tarrant in Modesty
Blaise by Peter O'Donell

FOOD & DRINK

In America every kind of cookbook
sells, and yet American women
actually cook less and less.
Sometimes the more impressive the
recipe, the more daunted the cook.
Mary Kenny

BIOGRAPHY

The monkey is an organised
sarcasm upon the human race.
Henry Ward Beecher

FICTION

The Queen Mother reads my books
and I'd hate her to read sex scenes
from my pen...
Dick Francis

OCCULT

"This is so unreal. Next we'll hear
that Rabin and Arafat are meeting
Elvis Presley in a UFO."
An Israeli diplomat in Washington

ART & ARCHITECTURE

There are moments when Art almost
attains the dignity of manual labour.
The Model Millionaire

HUMOUR

And Laughter holding both his
sides.
John Milton

MISCELLANY *

No furniture so charming as books.
Rev Sydney Smith

SPORT *

"I wish I had your problems."
A fan's sign at a New York Yankees
game, complaining of the impending
strike by millionaire players.

TRANSPORT

I feel about airplanes the way I feel
about diets. It seems to me they are
wonderful things for other people to
go on.
From *The Irish Independent*

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

I went on diet, swore off drinking
and heavy eating, and in fourteen
days I lost two weeks.

WAR & MILITARIA

Wartime reduces the marvellous
complexity of individuals and their
beliefs into a crude Us and Them.
Albert Reynolds

MODERN HISTORY

The nightmare is over.
Albert Reynolds

NATURE *

Gorillas are much more peace-
loving than men.
A Rwandan gorilla-tracker yearning
to return to work in his war-racked
country

SCIENCE

I'm doing this mainly for
documentation to show my side of
the story, to show that a guy can
have his penis cut off and recover.
John Wayne Bobbitt, starring in a
forthcoming adult video based on
his story

Catalogue 127 November 1989**GREAT BRITAIN**

Winds of the World, give answer!
They are whimpering to and fro -
and what should they know of
England who only England know?
Rudyard Kipling

HISTORY

The Celt in all his variants from
Builth to Ballyhoo, his mental
processes are plain - one knows
what he will do, and can logically
predict his finish by his start.
Rudyard Kipling

WAR & MILITARIA

You can go where you please, you
can skid up the trees, but you don't
get away from the guns!
Rudyard Kipling

HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS

The most popular labour-saving
device today is still a husband with
money.
Joey Adams

FICTION

I, a stranger and afraid. In a world I
never made.
A.E. Housman

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

A child's a plaything for an hour.
Mary Lamb

ART & ARCHITECTURE

The artist is the seismograph of his
age.
Robert Corrigan

LITERATURE

For more than 40 years I have been
speaking prose without knowing it.
Molière

OCCULT

There's no cult like o-cult! from
*There's No Business Like Show
Business*

TRANSPORT

What the Hell, it runs.
Bumper sticker on the back of an
ancient Polski Fiat in Warsaw

RELIGION

There comes a time in every society
where faithfulness to tradition
becomes a form of imprisonment
and the most helpless of prisoners.
That is the state of Irish society
today.
Right Rev. Michael Mayes, Bishop
of Kilmore

SCIENCE

I only make progress because I
make a leap in faith.
Einstein

NATURE

Collection of newts, lizards,
terrapins and stick insects for
disposal. Owner acquiring
crocodile.
Advert in Plymouth shop

SPORT

It's like starting a new life.
Former English captain Gary
Lineker turned sports presenter on
BBC Radio 5

MODERN HISTORY

I am glad to say, as an ex-Treasury
Minister, that I have never attended
an economics lecture in my life.
Stephen Dorrell, British National
Heritage Secretary

WORDS

It is no exaggeration to describe
plain English as a fundamental tool
of government.
Margaret Thatcher

MUSIC & BALLET

A jazz musician is a juggler who
uses harmonies instead of oranges.
Benny Green

TRAVEL & PLACES

A tourist is a fellow who drives
thousands of miles so he can be

photographed standing in front of
his car.
Emile Ganest

HEALTH

I hate red eyes and blowing of
noses.
Sir Walter Scott

EROTICA

You know the worst thing about
oral sex? The view.
Maureen Lipman

ENTERTAINMENT

Imitation is the sincerest form of
television.
Fred Allen

CRIME

Crime which is prosperous and
lucky is called virtue.
Seneca

COLLECTIBLES

We shift and bedeck and bedrape us,
thou art noble and nude and
antique.
Swinburne

FOOD & DRINK

Life is too short to stuff a
mushroom.
Shirley Conran

BIOGRAPHY

Most friendships, Sir, are leagues in
vice, or conspiracies in folly.
Dr. Samuel Johnson

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For Allah created the English mad -
the maddest of all mankind!
Rudyard Kipling

TRANSPORT

Yes, weekly from Southampton,
great steamers, white and gold go
rolling down to Rio (roll down - to
Rio!). And I'd like to roll to Rio
some day before I'm old!
Rudyard Kipling, *Just-So Stories*

HISTORY

Shillin' a day, bloomin' good pay -
lucky to touch it, a shillin' a day!
Rudyard Kipling

WAR & MILITARIA

And I've lost Britain and I've lost
Gaul, and I've lost Rome and, worst
of all, I've lost Lalage!
- Rimini by Rudyard Kipling

HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS

Neither man nor nation can exist
without a sublime idea.
Dostoevski

HUMOUR *

No one has ever had an idea in a
dress suit.
Sir Frederick G. Banting

FICTION

Malt does more than Milton can, To
justify God's ways to man.
A.E. Housman

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

You know children are growing up
when they start asking questions
that have answers.
John Plomp

ART & ARCHITECTURE

Art is the most frenzied orgy man is
capable of.
Jean Dubuffet

LITERATURE

Great literature is simply language
charged with meaning to the utmost
possible degree.
Ezra Pound

OCCULT

I have seen the future and it is very
much like the present - only longer.
Kehlog Albran (a likely name! -ed)

SCIENCE

Science stops at the frontiers of
logic, but nature does not - she

thrives on ground as yet untrodden
by theory.

C.G. Young

NATURE

How do you know but that every
bird that cuts its airy way is an
immense world of delight closed by
your senses five?

Blake

SPORT

The body's good, but the heart is
tired.

Martina Navratilova on retiring
from the tennis circuit

HEALTH

*

Very few good people go to the
doctor when they have a cold. They
go to the theatre instead.

W. Boyd Gatewood

COLLECTIBLES

Time which antiquates antiquities
and hath an art to make dust of all
things, hath yet spared these minor
monuments.

Sir Thomas Browne

RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

Men never do evil so completely
and cheerfully as when they do it
from religious conviction.

Pascal

WORDS

After a brief stay in Paris our
vocabularies were the richer by
several French phrases, and three
complete sentences, two of which
were unrepeatable.

Noel Coward

MUSIC & BALLET

Going to the opera, like getting
drunk, is a sin that carries its own
punishment with it - and that is a
very serious one.

Hannah More (1775)

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE

A blaspheming Frenchman is a
spectacle more pleasing to the Lord
than a praying Englishman.

Heinrich Heine

EROTICA

Virtue is its own punishment.

Aneurin Bevan

ENTERTAINMENT

On stage he was natural, simple,
affecting: 'Twas only when he was
off he was acting.

Oliver Goldsmith on David Garrick

CRIME

Jury: a Jury consists of twelve
persons chosen to decide who has
the better lawyer.

Robert Frost

FOOD & DRINK

For breakfast, Catherine the Great
drank five large cups of coffee, but
her favourite drink was water with
gooseberry syrup. For relaxation
she had her feet tickled or her
bottom slapped.

Paul Steiner

BIOGRAPHY

I am not young enough to know
everything.

J.M. Barrie

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CHILDREN'S

There never was child so lovely but
his mother was glad to get him
asleep.

Emerson

HOBBIES & HANDICRAFTS

The sight of a garden awakens ugly
prospects of physical labour.

Arnold Goodman

OCCULT

With the long leisure of eternity
stroll the ancestral ghosts.

John Terraine - *Ghosts on the
Downs*

TRUE CRIME

I am the victim of vicious and
unfounded allegations, and I will
welcome the day when I come face
to face with the alligators.

T.D. (Name forgotten) in Dail
Éireann. Heard on radio report in
1992.

HUMOUR

Young farmer with 100 acres would
be pleased to hear from young lady
with tractor. View to friendship,
possibly matrimony. Please send
photograph of tractor.

Evesham Admag (Boobs from
Private Eye)

GREAT BRITAIN

Norfolk people know how many
make a dozen; they just have to
count their fingers.

A.A. Gill

WORDS

People confuse 'anticipate' with
'expected' or 'awaited'. It means to
forestall, to act in advance. When
we say that John and Mary
'anticipated' their wedding we do
not mean that they looked forward
to it!

A.P. Herbert

TRANSPORT

TWA pilots who stopped for a quick
curry in Kensington were so
surprised by its potency that they
were still in the restaurant's lavatory
when staff locked up for the night.
300 passengers were grounded until
the morning.

BBC News Quiz Puzzle Book

COLLECTIBLES

A mere antiquarian is a rugged
being.

Samuel Johnson

SPORT

Magellan went round the world in
1521. True or False? said the Quiz.

“True” said the golfer, “Its a lot of strokes but think how far it is.”

ART

Abstract art is the product of the untalented sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered.

Al Capp

MODERN HISTORY

A politician is a man who approaches every question with an open mouth.

Adlai Stevenson

MUSIC AND BALLET

An unquestionable law of the musical world requires that the German text of French operas sung by Swedish artists should be translated into Italian for the better understanding of English audiences.

Edith Wharton

TRANSPORT

Coaches, Sammy is like guns - they requires to be loaded with very great care, afore they go off.

Charles Dickens, *Pickwick Papers*

NATURE

We felt that to give in to the weather in a climate such as ours would be a most disastrous precedent.

Jerome K. Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat*

WAR & MILITARIA

Pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight But Roaring Bill (who killed him) thought it right.

Hilaire Belloc

HEALTH

Volunteers are being given fake placebos.

Derek Jameson

HISTORY

History is a philosophy from examples.

Dionysius of Halicarnassus

1990s

* TRANSATLANTIC BOOKMAN

Bibliophile was joined by Fred Bass, owner of the 80 year old Strand Bookstore on Broadway, New York (following the death of founder Max Harris).

* UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Before the death of boss Bill Smith in 1992, he had arranged for his editor Annie Quigley to buy the business from his widow and from Mr Bass. Fred and Annie still buy books together at all the major book fairs - and have cheekily been called “herons” for the way they swoop on an unsuspecting supplier and Hoover up all their books!



* WEBSITE LAUNCH 1999

At the turn of the Millennium Bibliophile went digital and developed a new website to list all titles and to prove you can sometimes judge a book not just by an excellent review, but also by its cover!



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TRANSPORT

Steam - soon shall thy arm
unconquered steam! afar
Drag the slow barge, or drive the
rapid car;

Or on wide waving wings
expanded bear

The flying-chariot through the
field of air. - E. Darwin

HISTORY

What a crop of chopsticks, honges
and gongs!

Hundred thousand Chinese
crinkum-crankums,

Hung among the bells and ding-
dongs! - J.R.Planché

MUSIC AND DANCE

In sweet music is such art,
Killing care and grief of heart. -
Shakespeare, *Henry VIII*

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TRAVEL AND PLACES

Travel, in the younger sort, is a part of education. He that travelleth into a country before he hath some entrance into the language, goeth to school, and not to travel.

Francis Bacon

WORDS

Then you should say what you mean, the March Hare went on. I do, Alice hastily replied; at least I mean what I say - that's the same thing, you know. - Lewis Carroll

GREAT BRITAIN

Don't knock the weather, nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while. - Kin Hubbard

WAR AND MILITARIA

If I die in war, you remember me.
If I live in peace you don't.
Spike Milligan

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Youth is a wonderful thing; what a
crime to waste it on children. -
George Bernard Shaw

SCIENCE

The shipwright's trade was born as
the result of the invention of one
implement, the adze. A plank-built
boat cannot be made without either
an adze or a saw. - T.C. Lethbridge

NATURE

The fisherman regarded the farmer
as a hopeless fellow to have aboard
a boat. The farmer regarded the
fisherman as an uncouth barbarian
given to outlandish superstitions
and even incomprehensible
language. - T.C. Lethbridge

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

You will be sure to prove that the
act is unjust and hateful to the
gods?
Yes indeed Socrates; at least, if they
will listen to me. - Plato

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

The true artist has the planet for his
pedestal; the adventurer, after years
of strife has nothing broader than
his shoes. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

TRUE CRIME

When you get into trouble, don't
complain and don't explain. Your
enemies won't believe you and your
friends already understand.
Disraeli

COLLECTABLES

A disappointing day is a normal day
in archaeological fieldwork.
A.L.F. Rivet

MODERN HISTORY

But where is the evidence?
A.L.F. Rivet

OCCULT

Dream-furniture is the only kind on
which you never stub your toes or
bang your knee. - C.S. Lewis

HEALTH *

A Swede claimed that the treatment
prescribed by his doctor had made
him virtually blind. He went to the
surgery and shot the wrong doctor.
- Sent in by Mr. Parsons

HUMOUR

Everything is funny so long as it is
happening to someone else.
Will Rogers

FOOD AND DRINK

God sends meat and the Devil sends
cooks. - John Taylor

LITERATURE

If you want to get rich by writing,
write the sort of stuff that's read by
persons who move their lips when
they're reading to themselves.
Don Marquis

FICTION

A novel is a mirror walking along a
main road. - Stendhal

BIOGRAPHY

Armour: The kind of clothing worn
by a man whose tailor is a
blacksmith. - Ambrose Bierce

ENTERTAINMENT

I got all the schooling any actress
needs. That is, I learnt to write
enough to sign contracts.
Hermione Gingold

HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS

The Covent Garden Company is
execrable. Young is the best among
them and he is a ranting
coxcombical tasteless Actor - a
Disgust, a Nausea - and yet the very
best after Kean. What a set of
barren asses are actors!
John Keats

EROTICA

The difference between sex for
money and sex for free is that sex
for money usually costs a lot less.
Brendan Francis

SPORT

When a man steals your wife, there
is no better revenge than to let him
keep her. - Sacha Guitry

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CHILDREN'S

What children hear at home soon
flies abroad.
Thomas Fuller

FICTION

O Reader! had you in your mind
Such stories as silent thought can
bring.
O gentle Reader! you would find
A tale in everything.
William Wordsworth

TRUE CRIME

Knowledge is of two kinds. We
know a subject ourselves, or we
know where we can find
information upon it.
Samuel Johnson

HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS

Pornography is not much different
to other leisure activities such as
watching television or sport.
Guy Cumberland, psychologist

HUMOUR

I do most of my work sitting down,
that's where I shine.
Robert Benchley

OCCULT

As I was going up the stair
I met a man who wasn't there,
He wasn't there again today;
I wish to God he'd go away.
Anon

MODERN HISTORY

The second part of the history of the world and the arts begins with the invention of printing.

Goethe

WORDS

Clashes between tribes are common - usually caused by women or pigs. Vice Admiral Susatyo Mahrudi in the Indonesian Times (Boobs from Private Eye)

GREAT BRITAIN

Norfolk is frontier. The Wild East.
A.A. Gill

SCIENCE

Some medication does in a week what no medicine does in seven days.

Leo Rosten

SPORT

Bodily exercise profiteth little.
St. Paul (I Tim 4:8)

MUSIC & BALLET

Wagner has beautiful moments but awful quarter hours.
Rossini

HEALTH

Life is like riding a bicycle. You don't fall off unless you stop peddling.
Claude Pepper

EROTICA

As I grow older and older
And totter towards the tomb
I find that I care less and less
Who goes to bed with whom.
Dorothy L. Sayers

ENTERTAINMENT

If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happiest man alive.
Samuel Goldwyn

BIOGRAPHY

Grand old Man: That means on our continent (North America) anyone with snow-white hair who has kept out of jail 'til eighty.

Stephen Leacock

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The Saint arises in the morning, his first words are "Good morning God". The sinner's are "Good God, Morning!"

ART

Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere.

G.K. Chesterton

TRAVEL & PLACES

Goring is not nearly so pretty a little spot to stop as Streatley if you have your choice; but it is passing fair enough in its way, and is nearer the railway in case you want to slip off without paying your hotel bill.

Jerome K. Jerome

FOOD AND DRINK

When the ducks and green peas came, we looked at each other in dismay; we had only two-pronged, black-handled forks.

Elizabeth Gaskell, *Cranford*

WAR & MILITARIA

Politics is war without bloodshed, while war is politics with bloodshed.
Mao Tse-Tung

LITERATURE *

People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.
Logan Pearsall Smith

HEALTH

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.
Bronson Alcott

HISTORY

The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there.
L.P. Hartley

Catalogue 135 August 1994**WAR & MILITARIA**

"War," says Machiavel, "ought to be the only study of a Prince."... A meditation on the conduct of political societies made old Hobbes imagine that war was the state of nature.' Edmund Burke

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

'Religion, of which the rewards are distant, and which is animated only by Faith and Hope.'
Samuel Johnson

MUSIC AND DANCE

'I don't know anything about music - in my line you don't have to.'
Elvis Presley

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

'It is only Christian man can save even pagan things.'
G.K. Chesterton

LITERATURE

'A good book is the best of friends, the same today and for ever.'
Martin Tupper

HISTORY

'History is the essence of innumerable biographies.'
Thomas Carlyle

NATURE

'For nature then/ To me was all in all.' Wordsworth

TRANSPORT

'Below, in the easy prose of wheels,
We ride the metalled roads, but now, up here, Breathing the heather and the distance, feel
The measured, springing feet of poetry stir.'
R.N. Curry, 'Walking over Grabbist'

CRIME

If you take pleasure in doing something evil, the pleasure will

pass, but the evil will remain.
St. Camillus

GREAT BRITAIN

Daddy Neptune, one day, to
Freedom did say:

‘If I ever lived upon dry land,
The spot I should hit on, would be
little Britain.’

Said Freedom, ‘Why that’s my own
island.’ John Stewart Collis

COOKERY

‘It is an art

To choose à la carte
For less than they quote
For the table d’hôte”

Anon (possibly culled from New
Statesman Competitions some 50
yrs ago). Sent in by Mrs M.
Gardner

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Adventure is discomfort recollected
in tranquillity.

FICTION

“Novel - a short story padded.”
Ambrose Bierce

BIOGRAPHY

“Time - that which man is always
trying to kill, but which ends in
killing him.” Herbert Spencer

EROTICA

“They teach the morals of a whore,
and the manners of a dancing
master.” Samuel Johnson

SCIENCE

“Taken as a whole, the universe is
absurd.” Walter Bagehot

ENTERTAINMENT

“Acting is not an important job in
the scheme of things. Plumbing is.”
Spencer Tracy

OCCULT

“There was a demonic laugh - low,
suppressed, and deep - uttered, as it
seemed at the very key-hole of my
chamber.” Charlotte Bronte

HOBBIES AND HANDICRAFTS

‘But though an old man, I am a
young gardener.’
Thomas Jefferson

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

“We should do our utmost to
encourage the Beautiful, for the
Useful encourages itself.” Goethe

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

‘Today’s children seem to be born
with two strikes against them;
teachers and school bus drivers.’

Robert Fuoss

SPORT

‘You have as much class as my
backside.’ Cliff Thorburn on Steve
Davis, 1981

HUMOUR

‘David Frost drools OK.’ Graffiti

HEALTH

‘Sugar - pure, white and deadly.’
Dr. John Yudkin

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TRANSPORT

I want to die peacefully in my sleep
Like my Grandfather
And not screaming in terror *
Like his passengers.
F. Scott Fitzgerald.

WAR AND MILITARIA

The old incurable hunger of the
world surges in foolish wars, age
after age. - Chesterton

CRIME

I am a rogue if I do not think I was
designed for the helm of state; I am
so full of nimble strategems... - *The
Goblins* (quoted by Washington
Irving)

NATURE

The jay, the pie, and e’en the boding
owl
That hails the rising moon, have
charms for me. - Cowper

HISTORY

Men may rise on stepping-stones of
their dead selves to higher things. -
Tennyson

HEALTH

Out of breath to no purpose, and
very busy about nothing. - Addison

MODERN HISTORY *

He always looks like the man who
has called to see about the smell on
the landing
- Giles on the Duke of York

TRAVEL AND PLACES

An agreeable companion upon the
road is as good as a coach.
Addison

GREAT BRITAIN

Piping Pebworth, Dancing Marston,
Haunted Hillbro’, Hungry Grafton,
Dudging Exhall, Papist Wickford,
Beggary Broom, and Drunken
Bedford. - (All places in the
neighbourhood of Stratford-upon-
Avon), Ireland

MUSIC

In music the passions enjoy
themselves. - Nietzsche

HUMOUR

A difference of taste in jokes is a
great strain on the affections.
George Eliot

ENTERTAINMENT

I won’t belong to any organization
that would have me as a member.
Groucho Marx

FOOD AND DRINK

Wine is an unreliable messenger! I
sent down to my stomach, and it
went up to my head! - Al-Harizi

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

I am a millionaire. That is my
religion.
George Bernard Shaw

FICTION

A novel is a mirror walking along a main road. - Stendhal

LITERATURE

He snatched the book from me and replaced it hastily on its shelf, muttering that if only one brick was removed the whole library was liable to collapse.

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

The people who make art their business are mostly imposters.
Pablo Picasso

SCIENCE

Science and art belong to the whole world, and before them vanish the barriers of nationality.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

BIOGRAPHY

Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you ain't.
Jesse Carr

COLLECTABLES

Absurd to say that married men cannot afford collecting! Collectors cannot afford marriage.
Desmond Coke

EROTICA

I feel like a million tonight - but one at a time. - Mae West

WORDS

Inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity. - Disraeli

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.
Doug Larson

HOBBIES

The trouble with jogging is that by the time you realise you're not in shape for it, it's too far to walk back.
Franklin P. Jones

SPORT

Pam, adore you, Pam, you great big mounainous sports girl, whizzing them over the net, full of the strength of five.
John Betjeman

OCCULT

Unreality is the true source of powerlessness. What we do not understand, we cannot control.
Charles Reich

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The boat is man's greatest triumph over nature. With it, taking his life in his hands in a splendid gamble, he forced his way into every corner of the globe. - T.C. Lethbridge

TRANSPORT

The whole story of man is one of a struggle to free himself from the tyranny of his environment. In this struggle the boat has played a dramatic part. - T.C. Lethbridge

WAR AND MILITARIA

When we reached the Turkish Wood, I was amazed to find it so much less desolated than our own. There were actually green bushes in it. - Ludwig Renn

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

This world, where much is to be done, and little known...
Dr Johnson

WORDS

Cottlestone, Cottlestone,
Cottlestone pie.
A fly can't bird but a bird can fly.
Ask me a riddle and I reply
Cottlestone, Cottlestone,
Cottlestone pie. - A.A. Milne

HUMOUR

Writing humour is easy, you just stare at a typewriter until beads of

blood form on your forehead. - Anon (sent in by Deric Longden)

MUSIC

He breathed in air, he breathed out light,
Charlie Parker was my delight. - Adrian Mitchell: *Goodbye*

TRAVEL

For a while we pondered whether to take a vacation or get a divorce. We decided that a trip to Bermuda is over in two weeks, but a divorce is something you always have. - Woody Allen

TRUE CRIME

Lawyers hold that there are two kinds of particularly bad witnesses - a reluctant witness, and a too-willing witness; it was Mr Winkle's fate to figure in both characters.
Charles Dickens

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him.
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

MODERN HISTORY

Geography is about maps,
History is about chaps. - Anon

OCCULT

Some circumstantial evidence is very strong - as when you find a trout in the milk. - H.D. Thoreau

HOBBIES

Yet there are precious hours of leave
And leisure moments granted,
Each like a small oasis seems,
And every hour enchanted!
Pat Sparks

HEALTH

Happiness is having a large, loving, close-knit family in another city.
George Burns

SPORT

If you watch the game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. - Bob Hope

ENTERTAINMENT

You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred. - Woody Allen

MISCELLANEOUS

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once. - E. Joseph Cossman

HISTORY

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. - Doug Larson

BABY BIBLIOPHILE

Everyone is in awe of the lion tamer in a cage with half a dozen lions - everyone but a school bus driver. Unknown

LITERATURE

If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this is the thing to be remembered. Edgar Allen Poe

FOOD AND DRINK

The boar's head, as I understand, Is the rarest dish in all this land, Which thus bedeck'd with a gay garland

Let us serve cantico. - from The Boar's Head Carol (Queen's College, Oxford)

FICTION

The covers of this book are too far apart. - Ambrose Bierce

COLLECTABLES

I adore auctions. I'm completely besotted by them. I'll buy anything at an auction. - A.A. Gill

GREAT BRITAIN

There is a divine covenant in everyone's heart: to love his native soil - despite its climate. - Midrash

SCIENCE

Some medicine does in a week what no medicine does in seven days. Leo Rosten

EROTICA *

Continental people have a sex life; the English have hot water bottles. George Mikes

BIOGRAPHY

I don't say we all ought to misbehave, but we ought to look as if we could. - Orson Welles



Another brilliant Mike Taylor illustration.

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Architecture is inhabited sculpture. - Constantin Brancusi

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

A fool and his money are lucky to meet in the first place. - W.C. Fields

CHILDREN'S

The more he looked inside, the more Piglet wasn't there. - A. A. Milne

COLLECTABLES

In every man's heart there is a secret nerve that answers to the vibrations of beauty. - Christopher Morley

CRIME AND THRILLERS

It is my belief, Watson, founded upon my experience, that the lowest and vilest alleys of London do not present a more dreadful record of sin than does the smiling and beautiful countryside. - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

EARLY LEARNING

Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence. - Abigail Adams

ENTERTAINMENT

Television is more interesting than people. If it were not we should have people standing in the corner of our room. - Alan Coren

EROTICA

It's so long since I've had sex, I've forgotten who ties up whom. - Joan Rivers

FICTION

Imagination and fiction make up more than three quarters of our real life. - Simone Weil

FOOD AND DRINK *

A man hath no better thing under the sun than to eat, and to drink and to be merry. - Bible, Ecclesiastics 8:15

GARDENING

Weather means more when you have a garden. There's nothing like listening to a shower and thinking how it is soaking in around your green beans. - Marcelene Cox

GREAT BRITAIN

What is our task? To make Britain a fit country for heroes to live in.
- Earl David Lloyd George, Speech, 24 Nov. 1918

HANDICRAFTS

For success, attitude is equally as important as ability.
- Harry F. Banks

HEALTH

The healthy stomach is nothing if not conservative. Few radicals have good digestions.
- Samuel Butler

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Live each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each.
- Henry David Thoreau

HISTORY *

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon.
- Napoleon Bonaparte

HOBBIES

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays

HOW TO...

Natural abilities are like natural plants that need pruning by study.
- Francis Bacon, Essays

HUMOUR *

I went to the butchers the other day and I bet him 50 quid that he couldn't reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."
- Tommy Cooper

LITERATURE

What no wife of a writer can ever understand is that he's working when he is staring out the window.
- Burton Roscoe

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Life is truly known only to those who suffer, lose, endure adversity and stumble from defeat to defeat.
- Anaïs Nin

MODERN HISTORY

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.
- Sir Winston Churchill

MUSIC AND DANCE

Without music, life would be a mistake.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

MYTHOLOGY

O Unicorn among the cedars, To whom no magic charm can lead us, White childhood moving like a sigh Through the green woods.
- W. H. Auden, New Year Letter, Pt III

NATURE

Let us permit nature to have her way. She understands her business better than we do.
- Michel de Montaigne

NEW AGE AND OCCULT *

All thy threads with magic art Have wound themselves about this heart.
- William Cowper

PETS

Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.
- George Eliot

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

The grand thing about the human mind is that it can turn its own tables and see meaninglessness as ultimate meaning.
- John Cage

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Where true religion has prevented one crime, false religions have afforded a pretext for a thousand.
- Charles Caleb Colton

SCIENCE

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.
- Albert Einstein

SCI-FI

Our imagination is stretched to the utmost, not, as in fiction, to imagine things which are not really there, but just to comprehend those things which 'are' there.
- Richard Feynman

SCOTTISH *

There are two seasons in Scotland - Winter and July.
- Billy Connolly

SPORTS

We now have exactly the same situation as we had at the start of the race, only exactly the opposite.
- Murray Walker

TRANSPORT

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.
- Edward Gibbon

TRAVEL & PLACES *

Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had to live on nothing but food and water.
- W. C. Fields

WAR AND MILITARIA

War, he sung, is toil and trouble; Honour but an empty bubble; Never ending, still beginning, Fighting still, and still destroying. If all the world be worth thy winning, Think, oh think, it worth enjoying.
- John Dryden

WAR MEMOIRS

A prisoner of war is a man who tries to kill you and fails, and then asks you not to kill him.
- Sir Winston Churchill

WORDS

Admiration, n.: Our polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves.
- Ambrose Bierce

Catalogue 229 February 2005**CHILDREN'S**

I am a Bear of Very Little Brain, and long words bother me.
- A. A. Milne

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BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

'Whom are you?' he asked, for he had attended business college.
- George Ade

COLLECTABLES

Beauty is everywhere a welcome guest.
- Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Singularity is almost invariably a clue. The more featureless and commonplace a crime is, the more difficult is it to bring it home.
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

EARLY LEARNING

It is true that a child is always hungry all over; but he is also curious all over, and his curiosity is excited about as early as his hunger.
- Charles Dudley Warner

FOOD AND DRINK

A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her.
- W.C. Fields

HISTORY

Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.
- H. G. Wells

HANDICRAFTS

Inspirations never go in for long engagements; they demand immediate marriage to action.
- Brendan Francis

HOW TO...

Knowing is not enough; we must act. Willing is not enough; we must do.
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

HUMOUR

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A strong currant pulled him in.
- Tommy Cooper

LITERATURE

To live the life of a mere author for bread is perhaps the most dreadful fate that can be encountered.
- Sir Walter Scott

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.
-Oscar Wilde

MUSIC AND DANCE

Music... the favourite passion of my soul.
- Thomas Jefferson

MYTHOLOGY

Don't let's make imaginary evils, when you know we have so many real ones to encounter.
- Oliver Goldsmith, The Good-Natured Man, I

NATURE

Gie me ae spark o' Nature's fire, / That's a' the learning I desire.
- Robert Burns, Epistle to John Lapraik, 73

PETS

The dog was created especially for children. He is the god of frolic.
- Henry Ward Beecher

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.
- Confucius, Analects

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The true meaning of religion is thus, not simply morality, but morality touched by emotion.
- Matthew Arnold

SCIENCE

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.
- Marie Curie, letter (1894)

SCI-FI

There is nothing to be learned from history anymore. We're in science fiction now.
- Allen Ginsberg

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Auld nature swears, the lovely dears
Her noblest work she classes O;
Her prentice han' she tried on man,
An' then she made the lasses O.
- Robert Burns, Green grow the Rashes

TRANSPORT

Anywhere is walking distance, if you've got the time.
- Steven Wright

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

WORDS

Don't, Sir, accustom yourself to use big words for little matters.
- Dr Samuel Johnson

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Art is all that cannot be suppressed.
- Anon

ENTERTAINMENT

I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception.
- Groucho Marx

EROTICA

Today, you see girls doing on the screen what they used to do off screen to get on screen.
- Gene Autry

FICTION

What a delicious thing reading is – not to be with you any more but to flow through the whole universe you're reading about.
- Gustave Flaubert

GARDENING

I have a garden of my own But so with roses overgrown, And lilies, that you would it guess To be a little wilderness.
- Andrew Marvell

GREAT BRITAIN

The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent and is modest about it.
- James Agate

HEALTH

To know how to grow old is the master-work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.
- Henri Frédéric Amiel

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Lectures, sir! What man would go to hear that imperfectly at a lecture, which he can read at leisure in a book?
- Samuel Johnson

HOBBIES

It has been said that writing comes more easily if you have something to say.
- Sholem Asch

MODERN HISTORY

History is the sum total of the things that could have been avoided.
- George Ade

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Mystic: a person who is puzzled before the obvious, but who understands the non-existent.
- Elbert Hubbard

SPORT

A sportsman is a man who, every now and then, simply has to get out and kill something. Not that he's cruel. He wouldn't hurt a fly. It's not big enough.
- Stephen Leacock

WAR AND MILITARIA

War does not determine who is right – only who is left.
- Anon

WAR MEMOIRS

Soldiers, consider that from the summit of these pyramids, forty centuries look down upon you.
- Napoléon I

Catalogue 230 April 2005**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

A work of art is a corner of creation seen through a temperament.
- The Zohar

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

Technological man can't believe in anything that can't be measured, taped or put into a computer.
- Clare Booth Luce

CHILDREN'S

Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.
- Anon

COLLECTABLES

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.
- Voltaire

CRIME AND THRILLERS

If England treats her criminals the way she has treated me, she doesn't deserve to have any.
- Oscar Wilde

EARLY LEARNING

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.
- Henry Brooks Adams

ENTERTAINMENT

Actors are the only honest hypocrites.
- William Hazlitt

EROTICA

My mother used to say, Delia, if S-E-X ever rears its ugly head, close your eyes before you see the rest of it.
- Alan Ayckbourn

FICTION

Fiction reveals truth that reality obscures.
- Jessamyn West

FOOD AND DRINK

Some have meat and cannot eat, Some cannot eat that want it: But we have meat and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit.
- Robert Burns

GARDENING

God Almighty first planted a garden; and indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.
- Francis Bacon

GREAT BRITAIN

What is our task? To make Britain a fit country for heroes to live in.
- David Lloyd George

HANDICRAFTS

Creative minds have always been known to survive any kind of bad training.
- Anna Freud

HEALTH

Medicinal discovery, It moves in
mighty leaps, It leaps straight past
the common cold, And gives it us
for keeps.
- Pam Ayres

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Do not seek to follow in the
footsteps of the men of old; seek
what they sought.
- Matsuo Basho

HISTORY

Man is a history-making creature
who can neither repeat his past nor
leave it behind.
- W. H. Auden

HOBBIES *

To be able to use leisure intelligently
will be the last product of an
intelligent civilisation.
- Bertrand Russell

HOW TO...

No matter how old you get, if you
can keep the desire to be creative,
you're keeping the man-child alive.
- John Cassavetes

HUMOUR

Among those whom I like, I can
find no common denominator, but
among those whom I love, I can: all
of them make me laugh.
- W. H. Auden

LITERATURE

In the case of good books, the point
is not to see how many of them you
can get through, but rather how
many can get through to you.
- Mortimer J. Adler

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

If you can learn from hard knocks,
you can also learn from soft
touches.
- Carolyn Kenmore

MODERN HISTORY

Those that fail to learn from history,
are doomed to repeat it.
- Winston Churchill

MUSIC AND DANCE

Music is a higher revelation than all
wisdom and philosophy.
- Ludwig van Beethoven

MYTHOLOGY

When the first baby laughed for the
first time, the laugh broke into a
thousand pieces and they all went
skipping about, and that was the
beginning of fairies.
- J. M. Barrie, Peter Pan

NATURE

God gave us memories that we
might have roses in December.
- J. M. Barrie

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Men fear death as children fear to
go in the dark; and as that natural
fear in children is increased with
tales, so is the other.
- Francis Bacon

PETS

Our dogs will love and admire the
meanest of us, and feed our colossal
vanity with their uncritical homage.
- Agnes Repplier

**PSYCHOLOGY AND
SOCIOLOGY**

Mind unemployed is mind
unenjoyed.
- Christian Nestell Bovee

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

A little philosophy inclineth man's
mind to atheism, but depth in
philosophy bringeth men's minds
about to religion.
- Francis Bacon

SCIENCE

Research is the process of going up
alleys to see if they are blind.
- Marston Bates

SCI-FI

The answer to the great Question
of...Life, the Universe and
Everything...is Forty-two.
- Douglas Adams

SCOTTISH

And fare thee well, my only Love,
And fare thee well a while! And I
will come again, my Love, Though
it were ten thousand mile.
- Robert Burns

SPORT

Cricket to us was more than play, It
was a worship in the summer sun.
- Edmund Blunden

TRANSPORT

If one does not know to which port
one is sailing, no wind is favourable.
- Seneca

TRAVEL & PLACES

To read a writer is for me not
merely to get an idea of what he
says, but to go off with him and
travel in his company.
- André Gide

WAR AND MILITARIA

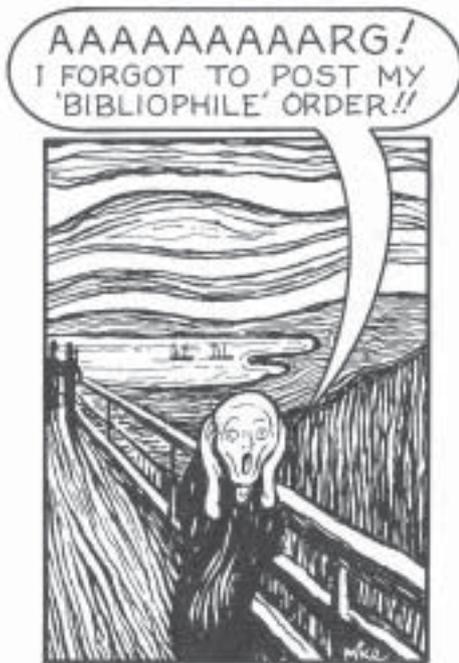
You can't say civilization don't
advance, however, for in every war
they kill you in a new way.
- Will Rogers

WAR MEMOIRS

O Lord! Thou knowest how busy I
must be this day: If I forget thee, do
not thou forget me.
- Sir Jacob Astley, prayer before the
Battle of Edgehill

WORDS

No-one means all he says, and yet
very few say all they mean, for
words are slippery and thought is
viscous.
- Henry Brooks Adams



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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

An artist is a creature driven by demons. He doesn't know why they choose him and he's usually too busy to wonder why.
- William Faulkner

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

Net – the biggest word in the language of business.
- Herbert Casson

CHILDREN'S

Children are natural Zen masters; their world is brand new in each and every moment.
- John Bradshaw

COLLECTABLES

I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back.
- Zsa Zsa Gabor

CRIME AND THRILLERS

There is nothing as deceptive as an obvious fact.
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

EARLY LEARNING

Bookshops are the one University everyone can enter.
- Tony Benn

ENTERTAINMENT

They search for ages for the wrong word which, to give them credit, they eventually find.
- Peter Ustinov on critics

EROTICA

Money, it turned out, was exactly like sex, you thought of nothing else if you didn't have it and thought of other things if you did.
- James Baldwin

FICTION

Reality is prodigal, but fiction must be laconic.
- Craig Raine

FOOD AND DRINK

I feel a recipe is only a theme, which an intelligent cook can play each time with a variation.
- Madame Benoit

GARDENING

How beautifully the leaves grow old. How full of light and colour are their last days.
- John Burroughs

GREAT BRITAIN

Oh, London is a fine town,
A very famous city,
Where all the streets are paved with gold,
And all the maidens pretty.
- George Colman The Younger

HANDICRAFTS

In the creative state a man is taken out of himself. He lets down as it were a bucket into his subconscious, and draws up something which is normally beyond his reach. He mixes this thing with his normal experiences and out of the mixture he makes a work of art.
- E. M. Forster

HEALTH

Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year.
- Franklin P. Adams

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

The great art of life is sensation, to feel that we exist, even in pain.
- Lord Byron

HISTORY

History is a pact between the dead, the living, and the yet unborn.
- Edmund Burke

HOBBIES

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence.
- Henry Chester

HOW TO...

The secret of teaching is to appear to have known all your life what you learned this afternoon.
- Anonymous

HUMOUR

Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.
- Karl Barth

LITERATURE

Making a book is a craft, as is making a clock; it takes more than wit to become an author.
- Jean de la Bruyere

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and attended to with diligence.
- Abigail Adams

MODERN HISTORY

In politics I think it wiser to leave five minutes too soon than to continue for five years too long.
- John Biffen

MUSIC AND DANCE

Who hears music, feels his solitude peopled at once.
- Robert Browning

MYTHOLOGY

As we acquire more knowledge, things do not become more

comprehensible, but more mysterious.

- Albert Schweitzer

NATURE

Nature never makes any blunders; when she makes a fool she means it.

- Josh Billings

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

If life must not be taken too seriously – then so neither must death.

- Samuel Butler

PETS

The more I see of men, the more I admire dogs.

- Mme de Sévigné

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.

- Sir James Dewar

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The gods help them that help themselves.

- Aesop

SCIENCE

Art is meant to disturb, science reassures.

- Georges Braque

SCI-FI

It is only through fiction and the science of the imaginary that we can learn something real about individual experience. Any other approach is bound to be general and abstract.

- Nicola Chiaromonte

SCOTTISH INTEREST

A man may drink and no be drunk;

A man may fight and no be slain;

A man may kiss a bonnie lass,
And aye be welcome back again.

- Robert Burns

SPORT

The sports page records people's accomplishments, the front page usually records nothing but man's failures.

- Earl Warren

TRANSPORT

There's something in a flying horse,

There's something in a huge balloon;

But through the clouds I'll never float

Until I have a little Boat,
Shaped like the crescent-moon.

-William Wordsworth

TRAVEL & PLACES

A wise traveller never despises his own country.

-Carlo Goldoni

WAR AND MILITARIA

The first virtue in a soldier is endurance of fatigue; courage is only the second virtue.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

WORDS

It is a great misfortune neither to have enough wit to talk well nor enough judgement to be silent.

- Jean de la Bruyere



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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

I do not paint a portrait to look like the subject, rather does the person grow to look like his portrait.

- Salvador Dalí

CHILDREN'S

Where children are, there is the golden age.

- Novalis

COLLECTABLES

There is certainly no absolute standard of beauty. That precisely is what makes its pursuit so interesting.

- Galbraith

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Fear succeeds crime – it is its punishment.

- Voltaire

EARLY LEARNING

The true university of these days is a collection of books.
- Thomas Carlyle

ENTERTAINMENT

An actor is a sculptor who carves in the snow.
- Edwin Booth

EROTICA

I am at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've just had a mirror put over the kitchen table.
- Rodney Dangerfield

FICTION

I am always at a loss to know how much to believe of my own stories.
- Washington Irving

FOOD AND DRINK

Dinner at the Huntercombes' possessed only two dramatic features – the wine was a farce and the food a tragedy.
- Anthony Powell

GREAT BRITAIN

An Englishman, Being flattered, is a lamb; threatened, a lion.
- George Chapman

HEALTH

My only solution for the problem of habitual accidents...is to stay in bed all day. Even then, there is always the chance that you will fall out.
- Robert Benchley

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

After I am dead, I would rather have men ask why Cato has no monument than why he had one.
- Cato the Elder

HISTORY

History...is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.
- Edward Gibbon

HOBBIES

To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization, and at present very few people have reached this level.
- Bertrand Russell

HOW TO...

For success, attitude is equally as important as ability.
- Harry F. Banks

HUMOUR

Laughter is the sensation of feeling good all over, and showing it principally in one spot.
- Josh Billings

LITERATURE

The best fame is a writer's fame: it's enough to get you a table at a good restaurant, but not enough to get you interrupted when you eat.
- Fran Lebowitz

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Each had his past shut in him like the leaves of a book known to him by heart; and his friends could only read the title.
- Virginia Woolf

MODERN HISTORY

I didn't come into politics to change the Labour Party. I came into politics to change the country.
- Tony Blair

MUSIC AND DANCE

Music alone with sudden charms can bind The wand'ring sense, and calm the troubled mind.
- William Congreve

MYTHOLOGY

There is an ancient legend which warns that, should we ever learn our true origin, our universe will instantly be destroyed.
- Len Wein

NATURE

Art is man's nature; nature is God's art.
- Philip James Bailey

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

How does one kill fear, I wonder? How do you shoot a spectre through the heart, slash off its spectral head, take it by the spectral throat?
- Joseph Conrad

PETS

I have never married because I have three pets at home that answer the same purpose as a husband. I have a dog that growls every morning, a parrot that swears all afternoon, and a cat that comes home late at night.
- Marie Corelli

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

The interpretation of dreams is the royal road to a knowledge of the unconscious activities of the mind.
- Sigmund Freud *

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it.
- Charles Caleb Colton

SCIENCE

In science the credit goes to the man who convinces the world, not to the man to whom the idea first occurs.
Sir Francis Darwin

SCI-FI *

One outstandingly important fact regarding Spaceship Earth, and that is that no instruction book came with it.
- R. Buckminster Fuller

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Had we never lov'd sae kindly,
Had we never lov'd sae blindly,

Never met – or never parted,
We had ne’r been broken hearted.
- Robert Burns

SPORT

Sport, it doesn’t matter whether you
win or lose... It’s how drunk you
get.
– Homer Simpson

TRANSPORT

We are all in the same boat in a
stormy sea, and we owe each other
a terrible loyalty.
- G. K. Chesterton

TRAVEL AND PLACES

The World is a book, and those who
do not travel read only a page.
– Saint Augustine

WAR AND MILITARIA

There are only two forces that unite
men – fear and interest.
- Napoleon Bonaparte

WAR MEMOIRS

Never in the field of human conflict
was so much owed by so many to
so few.
- Sir Winston Churchill on the
Battle of Britain pilots

WORDS

To have another language is to
possess a second soul.
- Charlemagne

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Architecture, of all the arts, is the
one which acts the most slowly, but
the most surely, on the soul.
- Ernest Dimnet

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

A business has to be involving, it
has to be fun, and it has to exercise
your creative instincts.
- Richard Branson

CHILDREN’S

It should be noted that children at
play are not playing about; their
games should be seen as their most
serious-minded activity.
- Michel de Montaigne

COLLECTABLES

Beauty is everlasting, and dust is for
a time.
- Marianne Moore

CRIME AND THRILLERS

It is a capital mistake to theorise
before you have all the evidence. It
biases the judgement.
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

EARLY LEARNING

One of the advantages of being
disorderly is that one is constantly
making exciting discoveries.
- A. A. Milne

ENTERTAINMENT

You need three things in the theatre
– the play, the actors and the
audience, and each must give
something.
- Kenneth Haigh

EROTICA

I’m all for bringing back the birch,
but only between consenting adults.
- Gore Vidal

FICTION

Imagination is the eye of the soul.
- Joseph Joubert

FOOD AND DRINK

It was my Uncle George who
discovered that alcohol was a food
well in advance of medical thought.
- P. G. Wodehouse

GARDENING

Our England is a garden, and such
gardens are not made
By singing: ‘Oh how beautiful!’ and
sitting in the shade,
While better men than we go out
and start their working lives

At grubbing weeds from gravel
paths with broken dinner-knives.
- Rudyard Kipling

GREAT BRITAIN

By seeing London, I have seen as
much of life as the world can show.
- Dr Samuel Johnson

HANDICRAFTS

Imagination is more important than
knowledge.
- Albert Einstein

HEALTH

The human body experiences a
powerful gravitational pull in the
direction of hope. That is why the
patient’s hopes are the physician’s
secret weapon. They are the hidden
ingredients in any prescription.
- Norman Cousins

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Never let the future disturb you.
You will meet it, if you have to,
with the same weapons of reason
which today arm you against the
present.
- Marcus Aurelius

HISTORY

History needs to be rewritten or it
becomes mythology and then it can
be used destructively.
- E. L. Doctorow

HOBBIES

Knowledge is of no value unless
you put it into practice.
- Anton Chekhov

HOW TO...

Success is the ability to go from
failure to failure without losing your
enthusiasm.
- Winston Churchill

HUMOUR

Wit is like caviar. It should be
served in small, elegant portions and
not splashed about like marmalade.
- Noël Coward

LITERATURE

Being published by the Oxford University Press is rather like being married to a duchess: the honour is almost greater than the pleasure.

- G. M. Young

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

My body has certainly wandered a good deal, but I have an uneasy suspicion that my mind has not wandered enough.

- Noël Coward

MODERN HISTORY

Human blunders usually do more to shape history than human wickedness.

- A. J. P. Taylor

MUSIC AND DANCE

Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.

- Confucius

MYTHOLOGY

From his brimstone bed, at break of day, A walking the Devil is gone, To look at his little snug farm of the World, And see how his stock went on.

- Robert Southey

NATURE

Nature thrives on patience; man on impatience.

- Paul Boese

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

- Arthur C. Clarke

PETS

Let dogs delight to bark and bite, For God hath made them so.

- Isaac Watts

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid.

- G. K. Chesterton

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

To be a philosopher is not merely to have subtle thoughts; but so to love wisdom as to live according to its dictates.

- Henry David Thoreau

SCIENCE

That is the essence of science: ask an impertinent question, and you are on the way to the pertinent answer.

- Jacob Bronowski

SCIENCE FICTION

You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.

- Mark Twain

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Freedom and Whisky gan thegither!

- Robert Burns

SPORT

For years I thought the club's name was Partick Thistle Nil.

- Billy Connolly

TRANSPORT

Gaily into Ruislip Gardens
Runs the red electric train,
With a thousand Ta's and Pardon's
Daintily alights Elaine.

- Sir John Betjeman

TRAVEL AND PLACES

A man who has not been in Italy, is always conscious of an inferiority, from his not having seen what is expected a man should see.

- Samuel Johnson

WAR AND MILITARIA

We make war that we may live in peace. - Aristotle

WAR MEMOIRS

March to the battle-field, The foe is now before us; Each heart is Freedom's shield, And heaven is shining o'er us.

- Barry O'Meara

WORDS *

A man may write at any time, if he will set himself doggedly to it.

- Samuel Johnson

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I dream my painting, and then I paint my dream.

- Vincent Van Gogh

CHILDREN'S

Childhood is not from birth to a certain age and at a certain age the child is grown, and puts away childish things. Childhood is the kingdom where nobody dies.

Nobody that matters, that is.

- Edna St Vincent Millay

COLLECTABLES

Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.

- William Morris

CRIME AND THRILLERS

I never saw a man who looked
With such a wistful eye
Upon the little tent of blue
Which prisoners call the sky.

- Oscar Wilde

EARLY LEARNING

In youth open your mind, And let all learning in; Words the head does not shape are worthless, out and in.

Words wit has not salted, No nearer the heart than the lip, Are nothing more than wind, a puppy's insolent yelp.

- Anonymous

ENTERTAINMENT

The most important thing in acting is honesty. Once you've learned to fake that, you're in.
- Sam Goldwyn

EROTICA

Sex: Something whereby the pleasure is fleeting, the cost is enormous and the position ridiculous!
- Woody Allen

FOOD AND DRINK

Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.
- Mark Twain

GARDENING

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees, That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees, So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray, For the Glory of the Garden that it may not pass away!
- Rudyard Kipling

GREAT BRITAIN

Other nations use 'force', we Britons alone use 'Might'.
- Evelyn Waugh

HANDICRAFTS

Craft is the handprint of all culture.
- Anonymous

HEALTH

A vigorous five-mile walk will do will do more good for an unhappy but otherwise healthy adult than all the medicine and psychology in the world.
- Paul Dudley White

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Not Heaven itself, for all its power, can change the past. What has been, has been, and I have had my hour.
- John Dryden

HISTORY

But what could she have done, being what she is. Is there another Troy to burn?
- Yeats

HOBBIES

The lazy are always wanting to do something.
- Marquis de Vauvenargues

HOW TO...

Ideas won't keep: something must be done about them.
- Alfred North Whitehead

HUMOUR

It is better to write of laughter than of tears. For laughter is the basis of all humankind.
- François Rabelais

LITERATURE

A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured-up on purpose to a life beyond life.
- John Milton

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

You are only young once, but if you play your cards right... once is enough!
- Dean Martin

MODERN HISTORY

No man is rich enough to buy back his past.
- Oscar Wilde

MUSIC AND DANCE

Often I am still listening, though the song is over.
- M. St. Lambert

MYTHOLOGY

At the same moment a peculiar fragrance was borne upon the breeze, as if a passing fairy had hiccoughed, and had previously been to a wine-vaults.
- Charles Dickens, *Martin Chuzzlewit*

NATURE

Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished.
- Francis Bacon

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

'Tis now the very witching time of night, When churchyards yawn and hell itself breathes out Contagion to this world.
- William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

PETS

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They say a reasonable amount o' fleas is good for a dog – it keeps him from broodin' over bein' a dog mebbe.
- Edward Noyes Westcott

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

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A neurosis is a secret you don't know you're keeping.
- Kenneth Tynan

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Let the truth be told though the Heavens shall fall.
- Rousseau

SCIENCE

But he, with first a start and then a wink, said, 'There's another star gone out...I think.'
- Byron

SCIENCE FICTION

Occasionally we sigh for an earlier day when we could just look at the stars without worrying whether they were theirs or ours.
- Bill Vaughan

SCOTTISH INTEREST

The rose of all the world is not for me. I want for my part only the little white rose of Scotland. That smells sharp and sweet – and breaks the heart.
- Hugh MacDiarmid

SPORT

Cricket is a game of the most terrifying stresses with more luck about it than any other game I know. They call it a team game, but in fact it is the loneliest game of all.

- John Arlott

TRANSPORT

I liked to sail alone. The sea was the same as a girl to me – I did not want anyone else along.

- E. B. White

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Good travel books are novels at heart.

- Jonathan Raban

WAR AND MILITARIA

Nine out of ten men are against me – but what if I put a sword in the hand of the tenth?

- Oliver Cromwell

WAR MEMOIRS

I used to say of him (Napoleon) that his presence on the field made the difference of forty thousand men.

- Duke of Wellington

WORDS

Like stones, words are laborious and unforgiving, and the fitting of them together, like the fitting of stones, demands great patience and strength of purpose and particular skill.

- Edmund Morrison

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BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

I think business is very simple. Profit. Loss. Take the sales, subtract the costs, you get this big positive number. The math is quite straightforward.

- Bill Gates

CHILDREN'S

But whatever his weight in pounds, shillings, and ounces,

He always seems bigger because of the bounces.

- A. A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*

COLLECTABLES

Art produces ugly things which frequently become beautiful with

time. Fashion, on the other hand, produces beautiful things which always become ugly with time.

- Jean Cocteau

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Crime, like virtue, has its degrees.

- Jean Racine

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* MEET THE TEAM

(minus cats! They are on page 35)



EARLY LEARNING

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.
- Proverb

ENTERTAINMENT

Evil people...you never forget them. And that's the aim of any actress – never be forgotten.
- Bette Davis

EROTICA

Sex ought to be a wholly satisfying link between two affectionate people from which they emerge unanxious, rewarded, and ready for more.
- Alex Comfort

FICTION

All fiction is for me a kind of magic and trickery – a confidence trick, trying to make people believe something is true that isn't.
- Sir Angus Wilson

FOOD AND DRINK

The proper union of gin and vermouth is a great and sudden glory; it is one of the happiest marriages on earth, and one of the shortest lived.
- Bernard de Voto

GARDENING

There is no manner of doubt that a town surrounded by water is a very fine sight; but a town surrounded by land is much finer. Can there be any comparison in point of beauty, between the dull monotony of a watery surface, and the delightful variety of gardens, meadows, hills and woods?
- John Moore

GREAT BRITAIN

Mr Weller's knowledge of London was extensive and peculiar.
- Charles Dickens, Pickwick Papers

HANDICRAFTS

Neither talent without instruction, nor instruction without talent can produce the perfect craftsman.
- Vitruvius

HEALTH

It was a sickly season just at this time. In commercial phrase, coffins were looking up.
- Charles Dickens, Oliver Twist

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

From a very early age, I had imbibed the opinion, that it was every man's duty to do all that lay in his power to leave his country as good as he had found it.
- William Cobbett

HISTORY

Like most of those who study history, he (Napoleon III) learned from the mistakes of the past how to make new ones.
- A. J. P Taylor

HOBBIES

The most important thing about photographing people is not clicking the shutter... it is clicking with the subject.
- Alfred Eisenstaedt

HOW TO...

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no help at all.
- Dale Carnegie

HUMOUR

Laughter is much more important than applause. Applause is almost a duty. Laughter is a reward. Laughter means they trust and like you.
- Carol Elaine Channing

LITERATURE

Books are the ever burning lanterns of accumulated wisdom.
- Jonathan Swift

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Life is a gamble at terrible odds – if it was a bet, you wouldn't take it.
- Tom Stoppard

MODERN HISTORY

History gets thicker and thicker as it approaches recent times.
- A. J. P. Taylor

MUSIC AND DANCE

Without music, life would be a mistake.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

MYTHOLOGY

From the first place of liquid darkness, within the second place of air and light, I set down the following record with its mixture of fact and truths and memories of truths and its direction always toward the Third Place, where the starting point is myth.
- Janet Paterson Frame

NATURE

Nature cannot be ordered about, except by obeying her.
- Francis Bacon

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Thus I hurl my dazzling spells into the spongy air.
- John Milton

PETS

The more one gets to know of men, the more one values dogs (L'Esprit des bêtes)
- A. Toussenel

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Madness need not be all breakdown. It may also be breakthrough.
- R. D. Laing

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life.
- Book of Common Prayer

SCIENCE

A million stars decide the place,
Of any single star in space,
And though they draw it divers
ways, The star in steady orbit stays.
- Ronald Campbell Macfie

SCIENCE FICTION

A touch of science, even bogus
science, gives an edge to the
superstitious tale.
- Sir V. S. Pritchett

SCOTTISH INTEREST

If thou would'st view fair Melrose
aright, Go visit it by the pale
moonlight.
- Sir Walter Scott

SPORT

Cricket is the greatest game that the
wit of man has yet devised.
- Sir Pelham Plum Warner

TRANSPORT

An artist who has travelled on a
steam train, driven an automobile,
or flown in an airplane doesn't feel
the same way about form and space
as one who has not.
- Stuart Davis

TRAVEL AND PLACES

I am, I flatter myself, completely a
citizen of the world. In my travels
through Holland, Germany,
Switzerland, Italy, Corsica, France,
I never felt myself from home.
- James Boswell.

WAR AND MILITARIA

What if someone gave a war and
nobody came? Life would ring the
bells of ecstasy and forever be itself
again.
- Allen Ginsberg

WAR MEMOIRS

In war: resolution. In defeat:
defiance. In victory: magnanimity.
In peace: goodwill.
- Sir Winston Churchill

WORDS

Every quotation contributes
something to the stability or
enlargement of the language.
- Samuel Johnson

Catalogue 238 February 2006**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

All architecture is great architecture
after sunset; perhaps architecture is
really a nocturnal art, like the art of
fireworks.
- G. K. Chesterton, 1909

CHILDREN'S

Childhood is an adventure both for
children and for their parents.
- Lawrence Kutner, 1991

COLLECTABLES

What we buy, and pay for, is part of
ourselves.
- Amelia Barr, 1913

CRIME AND THRILLERS

The most difficult crime to track is
the one which is purposeless.
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 1892

EARLY LEARNING

If you neglect to study when you
are young, what of your old age?
- Chinese proverb

ENTERTAINMENT

The art of acting consists in keeping
people from coughing.
- Sir Ralph Richardson, 1947

EROTICA

Erotica is simply high-class
pornography; better produced...
designed for a better class of
consumer.
- Andrea Dworkin, 1981

FICTION

Fiction is to the grown man what
play is to the child.
- R. L. Stevenson, 1882

FOOD AND DRINK

Health foods make promises that
only the Second Coming
could fulfil.
- Mason Cooley, 1990

GARDENING

Look at it, it was once a wilderness,
now it's a garden. Aren't you
proud?
- Willis Goldbeck, 1962

GREAT BRITAIN

You're allowed to be boring in
Britain... abroad, people expect one
to be entertaining.
- John Hurt, 1981

HANDICRAFTS

Needlework, knitted caps, baskets,
all worthy, all well done,
But less than the honeycombs.
- Philip Larkin

HEALTH

The body never lies.
- Martha Graham, 1979

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Read no history; nothing but
biography, for that is life without
theory.
- Benjamin Disraeli, 1832

HISTORY

History: a distillation of rumour.
- Thomas Carlyle, 1837

HOBBIES

Hobbies are apt to run away with
us, you know; it doesn't do to be
run away with. We must keep the
reins.
- George Eliot, 1872

HOW TO...

To do common things perfectly is
far better worth our endeavour than
to do uncommon things respectably.
- Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1864

HUMOUR

Humour does not rescue us from unhappiness, but enables us to move back from it a little.
- Mason Cooley, 1990

LITERATURE

The greatest masterpiece in literature is only a dictionary out of order.
- Jean Cocteau, 1919

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

I am being frank about myself in this book. I tell of my first mistake on page 850.
- Henry Kissinger, 1983

MODERN HISTORY

History is more or less bunk... the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today.
- Henry Ford, 1916

MUSIC AND DANCE

There are two golden rules for an orchestra: start together and finish together. The public doesn't give a damn what goes on in between.
- Sir Thomas Beecham, 1978

MYTHOLOGY

The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie, deliberate, contrived and dishonest - but the myth - persistent, persuasive and unrealistic.
- John F. Kennedy, 1962

NATURE

God and nature do nothing in vain.
- Aristotle

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

The New Age? It's just the old age stuck in a microwave for fifteen seconds.
- James Randi, 1991

PETS

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn round

three times before lying down - very important traits in times like these.

- Robert Benchley, 1949

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

In my day, for 5 marks Freud himself would treat you. For 10 marks he would treat you and press your pants.
- Woody Allen, 1972

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

I can tell you that God is alive because I talked to him this morning.
- Billy Graham, 1966

SCIENCE

That is the essence of science: ask an impertinent question and you are on the way to a pertinent answer.
- Jacob Bronowski, 1975

SCIENCE FICTION

Science fiction has become a dialect for our time.
- Doris Lessing, 1988

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Beautiful, glorious Scotland, has spoilt me for every other country!
- Mary Lincoln, 1969

SPORT

I don't think I can be expected to take seriously any game which takes less than three days to reach its conclusion.
- Tom Stoppard, 1984

TRANSPORT

Ever notice how these European trains always smell of eau de cologne and hard boiled eggs?
- Billy Wilder, 1940

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Holidays are an expensive trial of strength. The only satisfaction comes from survival.
- Jonathan Miller, 1962

WAR AND MILITARIA

Frankly, I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private industry.
- Joseph Heller, 1955

WAR MEMOIRS

I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit, and to mothball his opinions.
- Omar Bradley, 1959

WORDS

Words should be an intense pleasure just as leather should be to a shoemaker.
- Evelyn Waugh, 1950

Catalogue 239 March 2006**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

In my experience, if you have to keep the lavatory door shut by extending your left leg, it's modern architecture.
- Nancy Banks-Smith, 1979

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

One computer manufacturer was so successful they had to move to smaller premises.
- Anon

CHILDREN'S

And tell the other girls and boys, Not to meddle with my toys.
- R. L. Stevenson, 1881

COLLECTABLES

Ever since I was a little girl, I've dreamed of havin' my own things about me.
- F. Nugent, 1952

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Crime is terribly revealing. Your soul is revealed by your actions.
- Agatha Christie, 1936

EARLY LEARNING

All occupations are lowly; only book-learning is exalted.
- Chinese proverb

ENTERTAINMENT

The movie actor, like the scared king of primitive tribes, is a God in captivity.
- Alexander Chase, 1966

EROTICA

The Kama Sutra is the Mrs. Beeton of sex.
- Aldous Huxley, 1973

FOOD AND DRINK

A woman should never be seen eating or drinking, unless it be lobster salad and Champagne, the only true feminine and becoming viands.
- Lord Byron, 1812

GARDENING

I just come and talk to the plants, really - very important to talk to them. They respond, I find.
- Prince Charles, 1986

GREAT BRITAIN

Courtesy is not dead — it has merely taken refuge in Great Britain.
- Georges Duhamel, 1953

HANDICRAFTS

Let a human being throw the energies of his soul into the making of something.
- Walter Lippmann, 1914

HEALTH

It is disease that makes health pleasant.
- Heraclitus

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Many heroes lived before Agamemnon; but all are unknown and unwept because they have no spirited chronicler.
- Horace

HISTORY

What has history to do with me? Mine is the first and only world.
- Ludwig Wittgenstein, 1915

HOBBIES

A hobby is, of course, an abomination, as are all consuming interests that do not lead directly to large, personal gain.
- Fran Lebowitz, 1978

HOW TO...

Some things are best left alone. Such as interfering in things which are beyond our powers.
- Jimmy Sangster, 1958

HUMOUR

I should prefer to die laughing, and on more than one occasion, thought I might.
- Joseph Epstein, 1979

LITERATURE

[Bookselling] is, like prostitution, a trade in which the amateurs think that they are better than the professionals.
- Roger Page, 1970

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Biography should be written by an acute enemy.
- A. J. Balfour, 1927

MODERN HISTORY

Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past.
George Orwell, 1949

MUSIC AND DANCE

Bad music always sounds pleasant, but good music makes you gnash your teeth.
- Pierre Boulez, 1969

MYTHOLOGY

Freudian psychoanalytical theory is a mythology that answers pretty well to Levi-Strauss's description.
- Peter Medawar, 1972

NATURE

But nature is no sentimentalist... does not cosset or pamper us.
- Ralph Emerson, 1860

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

The appropriation of radical thinking by lazy, self-obsessed hippies is a public relations disaster that could cost the earth.
- Ben Elton, 1989

PETS

Adam's first domestic pet after the expulsion from Paradise was the serpent.
- Franz Kafka, 1917

**PSYCHOLOGY AND *
SOCIOLOGY**

Psychiatry enables us to correct our faults by confessing our parents' shortcomings.
- Laurence Peter, 1977

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The good news is that Jesus is coming back. The bad news is that he's really pissed off!
- Bob Hope, 1973

SCIENCE

Don't talk to me about mathematics - I've come to the conclusion that I've learnt to live without it.
- Prince Philip, 1966

SCIENCE FICTION

What the hell is nostalgia doing in science fiction... If there's a message there, I don't think I want to hear it.
- Ursula Le Guin, 1978

SCOTTISH INTEREST

My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here.
- Robert Burns, 1790

SPORT

Playing snooker gives you firm hands and helps to build up

character. It is the ideal recreation for dedicated nuns.

- Archbishop Barito, 1989

TRANSPORT

A car can massage organs which no masseur can ever reach.

- Jean Cocteau, 1932

TRAVEL AND PLACES

It is suicide to be abroad.

- Samuel Beckett

WAR AND MILITARIA

Don't mention the war.

- John Cleese, 1975

WAR MEMOIRS

As I am a soldier, A name that in my thoughts becomes me best.

- William Shakespeare

WORDS

When I split an infinitive. God damn it, I split it so it will stay split.

- Raymond Chandler, 1947

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

I rarely draw what I see – I draw what I feel in my body.

- Barbara Hepworth

CHILDREN'S

Never have more children than you have car windows.

- Erma Bombeck

COLLECTABLES

Antiquities are history defaced, or some remnants of history which have casually escaped the shipwreck of time.

- Francis Bacon

CRIME AND THRILLERS

How many crimes are committed merely because their authors could not endure being wrong!

- Albert Camus

* PLUS THE CATS!

The Cats have been our Editor's helpers for many years. They receive their own fan mail, even food and feathers to play with on occasion!

Below is Tiglet reading the paper!



Nobby (left) also appears on the website. She has now retired to Kent. The original cats were called Ming and Ting, two adorable black kittens introduced by Bill to the CAT-ologue in 1978.



EARLY LEARNING

Don't wait for schools to be built. Teach the children under the nearest tree.

- Sultan of Oman

ENTERTAINMENT

Television - a medium. So called because it is neither rare nor well done.

- Ernie Kovacs, 1973

EROTICA

Erotic practices have become diversified. Sex used to be a single-crop farming, like cotton or wheat; now people raise all kinds of things.

- Saul Bellow

FICTION

The good ended happily, and the bad ended happily. That is what fiction means.

- Oscar Wilde

FOOD AND DRINK

Lie soft, sleep hard, drink wine, and eat good cheer.

- Thomas Middleton

GARDENING

Gardening... one of the most underrated aspects of diplomacy.

- George P. Shultz

GREAT BRITAIN

Kent, sir – everyone knows Kent – apples, cherries, hops and women.

- Charles Dickens

HANDICRAFTS

Art is like Creation: it holds good on the last day as on the first.

- Paul Klee

HEALTH

Health and an able body are two jewels.

-John Fletcher

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

Man has but three events in his life: to be born, to live, and to die. He is not conscious of his birth, he suffers at his death and he forgets to live.

- Jean de la Bruyere

HISTORY

History a distillation of rumour.
- Thomas Carlyle

HOBBIES

Now the end, I take it, is all one, to live at more leisure and at one's ease.
- Michael Eyquem de Montaigne

HOW TO...

Do not despise my opinion, when I remind you that it should not be hard for you to stop sometimes and look into the stains on the wall, or ashes of a fire, or clouds, or mud or like places, in which, if you consider them well, you may find really marvellous ideas.
- Leonardo da Vinci

HUMOUR

There's a hell of a distance between wisecracking and wit. Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply callisthenics with words.
- Dorothy Parker

LITERATURE

The answers you get from literature depend upon the questions you pose.
- Margaret Atwood

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

I learned...that one can never go back, that one should not ever try to go back – that the essence of life is going forward. Life is really a one-way street.
- Agatha Christie

MODERN HISTORY

The only duty we owe to history is to rewrite it.
-Oscar Wilde

MUSIC AND DANCE

Just as my fingers on these keys make music, so the selfsame sounds on my spirit make a music, too. Music is feeling then, not sound.
- Laurence Sterne

MYTHOLOGY

We are cursed, Waldo, born cursed from the time our mothers bring us into the world till the shrouds are put on us.
- Olive Schreiner

NATURE

Midwinter Spring is its own season Sempiternal though sodden towards sundown,
Suspended in time, between pole and tropic.
- George Eliot

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

The devil!... what beastly things our memories insist on cherishing!
- E. G. O'Neill

PETS

But was there ever a dog that praised his fleas?
- W. B. Yeats.

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend.
- Robertson Davies

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.
- Jonathan Swift, *Thoughts on Various Subjects*

SCIENCE

If the world should blow itself up, the last audible voice would be that of an expert saying it can't be done.
- Peter Ustinov

SCIENCE FICTION *

After one look at this planet any visitor from outer space would say 'I WANT TO SEE THE MANAGER.'
- William Burroughs

SCOTTISH INTEREST

He that is without name, without friends, without coin, without country, is still at least a man; and he that has all these is no more.
- Sir Walter Scott, *Rob Roy*

TRANSPORT

We declare: the genius of our days to be: trousers, jackets, shoes, tramways, buses, aeroplanes, railways, magnificent ships – what an enchantment – what a great epoch unrivalled in world history.
- Mikhail Larionov

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Of all the pleasures in the world, travel is (in my opinion) the sweetest and most delightful.
- Thomas Coryate

WAR AND MILITARIA

War settles nothing...to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one.
- Dame Agatha Christie

WAR MEMOIRS

Whoever lights the torch of fear in Europe can wish for nothing but chaos.
- Adolf Hitler

WORDS

I trade both the living and the dead, for the enrichment of our native language.
- John Dryden

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Geometry is to sculpture what grammar is to the art of the writer.
- Guillaume Apollinaire

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

I've got just as much conscience as any man in business can afford to keep, - just a little, you know, to swear by, as 't were.
- Harriet Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

CHILDREN'S

Political history is far too criminal and pathological to be a fit subject for the young. Children should acquire their heroes and villains from fiction.
- W. H. Auden

COLLECTABLES

Only when you are moved by a painting should you buy it. Being moved is what collecting is all about.
- Walter H. Annenberg

CRIME AND THRILLERS

We do not easily suspect evil of those whom we love most.
- Peter Abelard

EARLY LEARNING

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.
- Henry Brooks Adams

ENTERTAINMENT

For the theatre one needs long arms; it is better to have them too long than too short. An *artiste* with short arms can never, never make a fine gesture.
- Sarah Bernhardt

EROTICA

Once sex rears its ugly 'ead it's time to steer clear.
- Margery Louise Allingham

FICTION

Perfection irritates as well as it attracts, in fiction as in life.
- Louis Stanton Auchincloss

FOOD AND DRINK

The fine wine leaves you with something pleasant; the ordinary wine just leaves.
- Maynard Andrew Amerine

GARDENING

spring when the world is puddle wonderful.
- e e cummings

GREAT BRITAIN

What do you think about England, this country of ours where nobody is well?
- W. H. Auden

HANDICRAFTS

Most people won't realize that writing is a craft. You have to take your apprenticeship in it like anything else.
- Katherine Anne Porter

HEALTH

We met...Dr. Hall in such very deep mourning that either his mother, his wife, or himself must be dead.
- Jane Austen

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now...for I shall not pass this way again.
- Stephen Grellet

HISTORY

Even the walls, the only sharers of secrets, were feared.
- Marcellinus Ammianus

HOBBIES

Our ideas must be as broad as Nature if they are to interpret nature.
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

HUMOUR

The rewards for being sane may not be very many but knowing what's funny is one of them.
- Sir Kingsley Amis

LITERATURE

The poet's business is not to describe things to us, or to tell us about things, but to create in our minds the very things themselves.
- Lascelles Abercrombie

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Never play cards with a man called Doc. Never eat at a place called Mom's. And never, ever, no matter what else you do in your whole life, never sleep with anyone whose troubles are worse than your own.
- Nelson Algren

MODERN HISTORY

'I can't believe it! What will history say?' 'History, sir, will tell lies as usual.'
- George Bernard Shaw

MUSIC AND DANCE

Musicians don't retire; they stop when there's no more music in them.
- Louis Armstrong

MYTHOLOGY

O to be a dragon, a symbol of the power of Heaven – of silkworm size or immense; at times invisible. Felicitous phenomenon!
- Marianne Criag Moore

NATURE

Art pales when compared to the workings of nature.
- St. Thomas Aquinas

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

He had a fear of the dead, and of all inanimate things, rising up around him to claim him; it is the fear of the pre-eminently solitary child and solitary man.
- Peter Ackroyd of Charles Dickens

PETS

I've already had medical attention – a dog licked me when I was on the ground.
- Neil (Marvin) Simon

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

A man's mind will very generally refuse to make itself up until it be driven and compelled by emergency.
- Anthony Trollope

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The true meaning of religion is thus not simply morality, but morality touched with emotion.

- Matthew Arnold

SCIENCE

Science creates the future without knowing what the future will be. If scientists knew tomorrow's discovery they would make it.

- Baron Zuckerman

SCIENCE FICTION *

'The first ten million years were the worst,' said Marvin, 'and the second ten million years, they were the worst too. The third ten million I didn't enjoy it all. After that I went into a bit of a decline.' – Marvin, the paranoid android.

- Douglas Noël Adams

SCOTTISH INTEREST

O flower of Scotland, when will we see your like again,

That fought and died for your wee bit hill and glen

And stood against him, proud Edward's army,

And sent him homeward tae think again.

- Roy Williamson

SPORT

Most games are skin-deep, but cricket goes to the bone.

- John Arlott

TRANSPORT

I turned to Aunt Agatha, whose demeanour was now rather like that of one who, picking daisies on the railway, has just caught the down express in the small of the back.

- Sir P. G. Wodehouse

The Inimitable Jeeves

TRAVEL AND PLACES

As the Spanish proverb says, 'He who would bring home the wealth of the Indies, must carry the wealth of the Indies with him.' So it is in

travelling; a man must carry knowledge with him, if he would bring home knowledge.

- Samuel Johnson

WAR AND MILITARIA *

Napoleon thinks that I am a fool, but he who laughs last laughs longest.

- Alexander I

WAR MEMOIRS

Anyone who has ever looked into the glazed eyes of a soldier dying on the battlefield will think hard before starting a war.

- Otto Edward Leopold, Prince of Bismarck

WORDS

Give 'em words; Pour oil into their ears, and send them hence.

- Ben Jonson

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

There are only two styles of portrait painting; the serious and the smirk.

- Charles Dickens, Nicholas Nickleby

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

- Arthur C. Clarke

CHILDREN'S

Children have neither past nor future. They live in the present, something which rarely happens to us.

- Jean de La Bruyère

COLLECTABLES

Don't ever wear artistic jewelry; it wrecks a woman's reputation.

- Colette

CRIME AND THRILLERS

But if he does really think there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, Sir, when he leaves our houses, let us count our spoons.

- Samuel Johnson

EARLY LEARNING

Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends.

- Benjamin Disraeli

ENTERTAINMENT

The trouble with Freud is that he never had to play the old Glasgow Empire on a Saturday night after Rangers and Celtic had both lost.

- Ken Dodd

EROTICA *

She had the kind of body that could melt a cheese sandwich from across the room.

- David Zucker, *The Naked Gun*

FICTION

Good fiction is made of that which is real, and reality is difficult to come by.

- Ralph Ellison

FOOD AND DRINK

One can be unhappy before eating caviar, even after, but at least not during.

- Sir Alexander Korda

GARDENING

Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems.

- Rainer Maria Rilke

GREAT BRITAIN

The history of England is emphatically the history of progress.

- Thomas Babington Macaulay

HANDICRAFTS

Creativeness often consists in turning up what is already there. Did you know that left and right

shoes were thought up only a little more than a century ago?

- Bernice Fitz-Gibbon

HEALTH

Sir, My pa requests me to write to you, the doctors considering is doubtful whether he will ever recuver the use if his legs which prevents his holding a pen.

- Charles Dickens, Nicholas Nickleby

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives. The act of dying is not of importance, it lasts so short a time.

- Samuel Johnson

HISTORY

For books are more than books, they are the life The very heart and core of ages past, The reason why men lived and worked and died, The essence and quintessence of their lives.

- Amy Lowell

HOBBIES

Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.

- Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

HUMOUR

I distrust camels and anyone else who can go a week without a drink.

- Joe E. Lewis

LITERATURE

The only end of writing is to enable the readers better to enjoy life, or better to endure it.

- Samuel Johnson

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

One should not exaggerate the importance of trifles. Life, for instance, is much too short to be taken seriously.

- Nicolas Bentley

MODERN HISTORY

There are many wrongs in the world, but none that could be righted by the terrorist's program.

- George Jonas

MUSIC AND DANCE

I thought I was hot stuff when the gals argued over me...I was too interested in my music to pay attention to that sort of jive. To most of it anyway.

- Louis Armstrong

MYTHOLOGY

At the centre of every myth is another: that of the people who created it.

- Nuruddin Farah

NATURE

The study of nature is interwoven with the highest mind. You should never trifle with nature.

- Jean Louis Rodolphe Agassiz

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

It is no good casting out devils. They belong to us, we must accept them and be at peace with them.

- D. H. Lawrence

PETS *

I have noticed what cats most appreciate in a human being is not the ability to produce food which they take for granted but his or her entertainment value.

- Geoffrey Household

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

- Carl Gustav Jung

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

Religion resides in our eyes rather than our minds.

We see, then we love.

- Alun Lewis

SCIENCE

The scientific mind does not so much provide the right answers as ask the right questions.

- Claude Lévi-Strauss

SCIENCE FICTION

Science fiction writers foresee the inevitable, and although problems and catastrophes may be inevitable, solutions are not.

- Isaac Asimov

SPORT *

We're all endowed with certain God-given talents. Mine happens to be punching people in the head.

- Sugar Ray Leonard

TRANSPORT

I have seen the science I worshipped and the aircraft I loved, destroying the civilization I expected them to serve.

- Charles A. Lindbergh

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Human beings are more alike than unalike, and what is true anywhere is true everywhere, yet I encourage travel to as many destinations as possible for the sake of education as well as pleasure.

- Maya Angelou

WAR AND MILITARIA

It is well that war is so terrible. We should grow too fond of it.

- Robert E. Lee

WAR MEMOIRS

I now close my military career and fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty.

- Douglas MacArthur

WORDS

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

- Rudyard Kipling

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Architecture completes nature.
- Giorgio De Chirico

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

Technology feeds on itself.
Technology makes more technology possible.
- Alvin Toffler

COLLECTABLES

Beauty alone makes the world happy, and every being forgets its limitations as long as it experiences her enchantment.
- Friedrich von Schiller

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.
- Samuel Johnson

EARLY LEARNING

All men naturally desire knowledge.
- Aristotle

ENTERTAINMENT

There was scattered laughter in the rear of the theatre, leading to the belief that somebody was telling jokes back there.
- George S. Kaufman, play review

EROTICA

Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures.
- Samuel Johnson

FICTION

A tale should be judicious, clear, succinct; The language plain, and incidents well link'd; Tell not as new what ev'ry body knows; And, new or old, still hasten to a close.
- William Cowper

FOOD AND DRINK

You are offered a piece of bread and butter that feels like a damp

handkerchief and sometimes, when cucumber is added to it, like a wet one.

- Compton Mackenzie

GARDENING

Nothing grows in our garden, only washing. And babies.
- Dylan Thomas

GREAT BRITAIN

The British, he thought, must be gluttons for satire: even the weather forecast seemed to be some kind of spoof, predicting every possible combination of weather for the next twenty-four hours without actually committing itself to anything specific.

- David John Lodge

HANDICRAFTS

I have to learn the simplest things last.
- Charles Olson

HEALTH

All health is better than wealth.
- Sir Walter Scott

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

The love of life is necessary to the vigorous prosecution of any undertaking.
- Samuel Johnson

HISTORY

Every age has a keyhole to which its eye is pasted.
- Mary Thérèse McCarthy

HOBBIES

If you are idle, be not solitary; if you are solitary, be not idle.
- Samuel Johnson

HOW TO...

Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.
- Erica Jong

HUMOUR *

Sunburn is very becoming – but only when it is even – one must be careful not to look like a mixed grill.
- Noel Coward

LITERATURE

When a book and a head collide and a hollow sound is heard, must it always have come from the book?
- Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Other people's lives may easily be human documents. But a man's own life is always a melodrama.
- G. K. Chesterton

MODERN HISTORY

Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country.
- Margaret Thatcher

MUSIC AND DANCE *

I went home in a state of hysterical happiness. I was a singer in a jazz band.
- George Melly

MYTHOLOGY

One is tempted to say that old myths never die; they just become embedded in the textbooks.
- Thomas A. Bailey

NATURE *

Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.
- Henry James

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Neither the sun nor death can be looked at with a steady eye.
- Françoise La Rochefoucauld

PETS

Cats are autocrats of naked self-interest. They are both amoral and

immoral, consciously breaking rules... the cat may be the only animal who savors the perverse or reflects upon it.
- Camille Paglia

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Psychoanalysis is confession without absolution.
- G. K. Chesterton

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who leaveth us,
He made and loveth all.
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

SCIENCE

Science has promised us truth – an understanding of such relationships as our minds can grasp; it has never promised us either peace or happiness.
- Gustave Le Bon

SCIENCE FICTION

The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.
- Arthur C. Clarke

SCOTTISH INTEREST

To be yersel's – and to mak' that worth bein'. Nae harder job to mortals has been gi'en.
- Hugh MacDiarmid

SPORT

Golf is in the interest of good health and good manners. It promotes self-restraint and affords a chance to play the man and act like a gentleman.
- William Howard Taft

TRANSPORT

When a train pulls into a great city I am reminded of the closing moments of an overture.
- Graham Greene

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Ever since childhood, when I lived within earshot of the Boston and Maine, I have seldom heard a train go by and not wished I was on it.
- Paul Theroux

WAR AND MILITARIA

Brave men are a city's strongest tower of defence.
- Alcaeus

WAR MEMOIRS

In war, indeed, there can be no substitute for victory.
- Douglas MacArthur

WORDS

All books are either dreams or swords, You can cut, or you can drug, with words.
- Amy Lowell

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Love and delight are better teachers of the Art of Painting than compulsion is.
- Albrecht Dürer

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

Programming used to be thought of as a sort of arcane matter. Now it's become the province of children who are superb at it.
- Clive Sinclair

COLLECTABLES

Nothing that costs only a dollar is worth having.
- Elizabeth Arden

CRIME AND THRILLERS

Heaven takes care that no man secures happiness by crime.
- Vittorio Alfieri

EARLY LEARNING

He who adds not to his learning diminishes it.
- Talmud

ENTERTAINMENT

I think your whole life shows in your face and you should be proud of that.
- Lauren Bacall

EROTICA

If God had meant us to have group sex, I guess he'd have given us all more organs.
- Malcolm Bradbury

FICTION

Yes – oh dear, yes – the novel tells a story.
- E. M. Forster

FOOD AND DRINK

'Did you ever taste beer?'. 'I had a sip of it once' said the small servant. 'Here's a state of things!' cried Mr Swiveller, raising his eyes to the ceiling. 'She never tasted it – it can't be tasted in a sip!'
- Charles Dickens, *The Old Curiosity Shop*

GARDENING

No man but feels more of a man in the world if he have a bit of ground that he can call his own. However small it is on the surface, it is four thousand miles deep; and that is a very handsome property.
- Charles Dudley Warner

GREAT BRITAIN

Sir, he lived in London, and hung loose upon society.
- Dr Samuel Johnson

HANDICRAFTS

Originality is the essence of true scholarship. Creativity is the soul of the true scholar.
- Nnamdi Azikiwe

HEALTH *

Why, Madam, do you know there are upward of thirty yards of bowels squeezed underneath that girdle of your daughter's? Go home and cut

it; let Nature have fair play, and you will have no need of my advice.

- John Abernethy

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

I have more memories than if I were a thousand years old.

- Charles Baudelaire

HISTORY

There can be no history without the gift of knowing what to leave out.

- Jacques Barzun

HOBBIES

Photography can never grow up if it imitates some other medium. It has to walk alone; it has to be itself.

- Berenice Abbott

HOW TO...

There is no such thing as a great talent without great willpower.

- Honoré de Balzac

HUMOUR *

Of course we had it tough. We used to have to get out of our shoebox at 12 o'clock at night, and lick road clean with your tongue.

- Monty Python's Flying Circus

LITERATURE

Let other pens dwell on guilt and misery. I quit such odious subjects as soon as I can.

- Jane Austen

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Life is rather like a tin of sardines – we're all of us looking for the key.

- Alan Bennett

MODERN HISTORY

It's not perfect, but to me on balance Right Now is a lot better than the Good Old Days.

- Maeve Binchy

MUSIC AND DANCE *

I hit the piano with my elbow sometimes because of a certain

sound I want to hear. You can't hit that many notes with your hands.

- Thelonious Monk

MYTHOLOGY

There is a superstition in avoiding superstition.

- Francis Bacon

NATURE

What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance.

- Jane Austen

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

I do not believe that any man fears to be dead, but only the stroke of death.

- Francis Bacon

*** AUTHOR SIGNINGS and SPECIAL VISITORS TO BIBLIOPHILE'S WAREHOUSE**



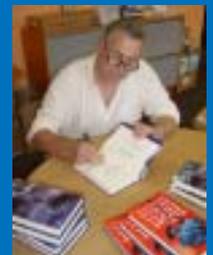
Customer Martin Stern visits Annie and the Team on the occasion of his 90th birthday!



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Helen Cowcher



Simon Brett



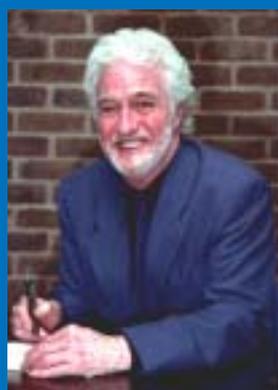
Our cartoonist Tony Husband (left) Max Arthur (right)



Writing is in the blood - both our editor Annie's parents are authors.

Above, Aileen Armitage (Mum) winning the Woman of the Year award.

Left, Deric Longden (step-father).



PETS

No one who has ever had a dog or cat can doubt the animal capacity for happiness... Like uninhibited human happiness, the pleasure is contagious, and pets serve as a conduit to joyful feelings.

- Jeffrey Masson

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

If we keep an open mind, too much is likely to fall into it.

- Natalie Clifford Barney

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

It were better to have no opinion of God at all, than such an opinion as is unworthy of him.

- Francis Bacon

SCIENCE

There are no such things as incurable, there are only things for which man has not found a cure.

- Bernard Mannes Baruch

SCIENCE FICTION *

He's spending a year dead for tax reasons.

- Douglas Adams, *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Come, let me know what it is that makes a Scotchman happy!

- Samuel Johnson, ordering himself a glass of whisky

SPORT

Hail Cricket! glorious, manly, British game! First of all Sports! Be first alike in fame!

- James Love

TRANSPORT

AUTOMOBILE, n. A four-wheeled vehicle that runs up hills and down pedestrians.

- Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

TRAVEL & PLACES

When it comes to flying, I am a nervous passenger but a confident drinker and Valium-swallower.

- Martin Amis

WAR AND MILITARIA

It takes twenty years or more of peace to make a man, it takes only twenty seconds of war to destroy him.

- Baudouin I, King of the Belgians

WAR MEMOIRS

There are not fifty ways of fighting, there's only one, and that's to win. Neither revolution nor war consists in doing what one pleases.

- André Malraux

WORDS

The most important single thing in publishing is the English sentence, and the editor who cannot contemplate it again and again with a sense of wonder has not yet gained respect for the complexity of learning.

- William Jovanovich

Catalogue 245 October 2006**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

Artistic temperament... sometimes seems a battleground for a dark angel of destruction and a bright angel of creativity wrestling.

- Madeleine L'Engle

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

In these days of computer viruses, asking if you may put your disk into someone's computer is the technological equivalent of unsafe sex.

- Ruth Dudley Edwards

CHILDREN'S

"What is the use of a book", thought Alice, "without pictures or conversations?"

- Lewis Carroll

COLLECTABLES

There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion.

- Francis Bacon

CRIME AND THRILLERS

You know my method. It is founded upon the observance of trifles.

- Arthur Conan Doyle

Boscombe Valley Mystery

EARLY LEARNING

But there was one Elephant – a new Elephant – an Elephant's Child – who was full of 'satiabile curiosity', and that means he asked ever so many questions.

- Rudyard Kipling, *Just So Stories*

ENTERTAINMENT *

"Goodness, what beautiful diamonds!" "Goodness had nothing to do with it, dearie."

- Mae West, *Night After Night*

EROTICA

One lover is always more moved than the other.

- Saul Bellow

FICTION

There are many reasons why novelists write, but they all have one thing in common – a need to create an alternative world.

- John Fowles

FOOD AND DRINK

Food is our common ground, a universal experience.

- James Beard

GARDENING

Who loves a garden loves a greenhouse too.

- William Cowper

GREAT BRITAIN

Be England what she will, With all her faults, she is my country still.

- Charles Churchill

HANDICRAFTS

It is not bright colours but good drawing that makes figures beautiful.
- Titian

HEALTH

“Ye can call it influenza if ye like,” said Mrs Machin. “There was no influenza in my young days. We called a cold a cold.”
- Arnold Bennett, *The Card*

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

If a man does not make a new acquaintance as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man, Sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair.
- Samuel Johnson

HISTORY

History itself is virtually indefinable, its scope unlimited, its depth unfathomable.
- Earl R. Beck

HOBBIES

Life is a short day; but it is a working day. Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity cannot lead to good.
- Hannah More

HOW TO... *

For me, there is only one criterion for a good photograph: that it be unforgettable.
- Brassai

HUMOUR

The marvellous thing about a joke with a double meaning is that it can only mean one thing.
- Ronnie Barker

LITERATURE

Too many people in the modern world view poetry as a luxury, not a necessity like petrol. But to me it's the oil of life.
- John Betjeman

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Nevertheless – you know, in life, you get moments – just occasionally which you can positively identify as being among the happy moments.
- Alan Ayckbourn

MODERN HISTORY *

The public are usually more sensible than the politicians or the press.
- Kenneth Clarke

MUSIC AND DANCE

Dance has to look like the music. If you see music simply as an accompaniment, then you don't hear it. I occupy myself with how not to interfere with the music.
- George Balanchine

MYTHOLOGY

For my part, I have ever believed, and do now know, that there are witches.
- Thomas Browne

NATURE

Nature can do more than physicians.
- Oliver Cromwell

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly.
- G. K. Chesterton

PETS *

If a dog jumps onto your lap it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing it is because your lap is warmer.
- A. N. Whitehead

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well. - René Descartes

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

The true meaning of religion is thus not simply morality, but morality touched by emotion.
- Matthew Arnold

SCIENCE

For the things of this world cannot be made known without a knowledge of mathematics.
- Roger Bacon

SCIENCE FICTION

Space...is big. Really big. You just won't believe how vastly hugely mind bogglingly big it is. I mean you may think it's a long way down the road to the chemist, but that's just peanuts to space.
- Douglas Adams

SCOTTISH INTEREST

The 18th century is rightly hailed as the age when Scotland became one of the most important centres of intellectual culture in the western world.
- Michael Lynch

SPORT

I tend to believe that cricket is the greatest thing that God ever created on earth...certainly greater than sex, although sex isn't too bad either.
- Harold Pinter

TRANSPORT

I feel about airplanes the way I feel about diets. It seems to me that they are wonderful things for other people to go on.
- Jean Kerr

TRAVEL AND PLACES

When you halt in the desert make an arrow from pebbles, so, if suddenly woken up, you'll grasp which way to go.
- Joseph Brodsky

WAR AND MILITARIA

We hear war called murder. It is not: it is suicide.
- Ramsay Macdonald

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ART AND ARCHITECTURE

The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his client to plant vines.

- Frank Lloyd Wright

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

A company's ability to innovate is rapidly becoming the primary source of competitive success.

- A. Christopher Bartlett

CHILDREN'S

The joys of parents are secret, and so are their griefs and fears.

- Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans

COLLECTABLES

Most women are not so young as they are painted.

- Sir Max Beerbohm

CRIME AND THRILLERS

He who secretly meditates crime is as guilty as if he had committed the offense.

- Juvenal

ENTERTAINMENT *

The play left a taste of lukewarm parsnip juice.

- Alexander Humphreys Woollcott, play review

EROTICA

And I, Sir, I'll never have a mistress as beautiful as those in the pictures of obscene books!

- Roberto Arlt

FICTION

A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write literature.

- Virginia Woolf

FOOD AND DRINK

There is no more fruitful source of family discontent than a housewife's badly-cooked dinners and untidy ways.

- Isabella Beeton

GREAT BRITAIN

An English peer of the right sort can be bored nearer to the point where mortification sets in, without showing it, than anyone else in the world.

- Sir P. G. Wodehouse

HANDICRAFTS

Activity is the only reality.

- Novalis

HEALTH

It was too pathetic for the feelings of Sophia and myself – we fainted alternately on the sofa.

- Jane Austen

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

To live each day as though one's last, never flustered, never apathetic, never attitudinizing – here is perfection of character.

- Marcus Aurelius Antoninus Aurelius

HISTORY

All periods of history show a strain of madness and all are chaotic.

- Jacques Barzun

HUMOUR

SEAGOON: I want you to accompany me on the safari.

BLOODNOCK: Gad sir, I'm sorry, I've never played one.

- *The Goon Show*

LITERATURE

I like to write when I feel spiteful; it's like having a good sneeze.

- D. H. Lawrence

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Memories are like mulligatawny soup in a cheap restaurant. It is best not to stir them.

- P. G. Wodehouse
Bring on the Girls

MODERN HISTORY

In the modern age history emerged as something it never had been before... a man-made process, the only all comprehending process which owed its existence exclusively to the human race.

- Hannah Arendt

MUSIC AND DANCE

An agreeable harmony for the honour of God and the permissible delights of the soul.

- Johann Sebastian Bach, his definition of music

MYTHOLOGY

One shouldn't believe that the Devil only tempts men of genius.

- Charles Baudelaire

NATURE

When you destroy a blade of grass
You poison England at her roots;
Remember no man's foot can pass
Where evermore no green life
shoots.

- Gordon Bottomley

NEW AGE & OCCULT

My chief desire is to let you see that there is that which is rational, that which is irrational and that which is non-rational – and to leave you weltering in that morass thereafter.

- Seamus Deane

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

All colours will agree in the dark.

- Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, *Of Unity in Religion*

SCIENCE

Mathematics is the door and key to the sciences.

- Roger Bacon

SCIENCE FICTION

"Good grief," said Arthur, "is this really the interior of a flying saucer?"

- Douglas Adams

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Where the pools are bright and deep,
Where the grey trout lies asleep,
Up the river and o'er the lea,
That's the way for Billy and me.
- James Hogg

SPORT *

Golf is a game that is played on a five inch course – the distance between your ears.
- Bobby Jones

TRANSPORT

With my own hands I had done my trick at the wheel and guided a hundred tons of wood and iron through a few million tons of wind and waves.
Jack London
The Cruise of the Snark

TRAVEL AND PLACES

Exploring is delightful to look forward to and back upon, but it is not comfortable at the time, unless it be of such an easy nature as not to deserve the name.
- Samuel Butler

WAR AND MILITARIA

I've never understood this liking for war. It panders to instincts already catered for within the scope of any respectable domestic establishment.
- Alan Bennett, *Forty Years On*

WAR MEMOIRS

Think of it, soldiers; from the summit of these pyramids, forty centuries look down upon you.
- Napoleon I

WORDS

Into the face of the young man...had crept a look of furtive shame, the shifty, hangdog look which announces that an Englishman is about to talk French.
- Sir P. G. Wodehouse

Catalogue 248 February 2007**ART AND ARCHITECTURE**

Art will remain the most astonishing activity of mankind born out of struggle between wisdom and madness, between dream and reality in our mind.
- Magdalena Abakanowicz

BUSINESS AND COMPUTERS

I have acquired a deep and abiding respect for all those engaged in the difficult business of commerce.
- Kenneth Clarke

CHILDREN'S

When a teacher calls a boy by his entire name it means trouble.
- Mark Twain

COLLECTABLES *

An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can ever have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.
- Agatha Christie

CRIME AND THRILLERS

There had been a fellow in prison whose lawyer was later known to boast that he had got him a suspended sentence. They hanged him.
- Brendan Brehan

EARLY LEARNING

Learn to write well, or not to write at all.
- John Sheffield

ENTERTAINMENT

There is no more offensive act of theatrical rudeness than coming late to a performance.
- Maurice Zolotow

EROTICA *

I can always tell when my lover is lying, his lips move.
- Tara Schwartz

FICTION

'Tis the good reader that makes the good book.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Success*

FOOD AND DRINK

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.
- Virginia Woolf

GARDENING

And I will make thee beds of roses,
And a thousand fragrant posies.
- Christopher Marlowe

GREAT BRITAIN

Nobody is healthy in London,
nobody can be.
- Jane Austen, *Emma*

HANDICRAFTS

The worst crime is to leave a man's hands empty. Men are born makers, with that primal simplicity in every maker since Adam.
This is pre-history.
- Derek Walcott

HEALTH *

His idea of first-aid stopped short at squirting soda-water.
- P. G. Wodehouse, *My Man Jeeves*

HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

My advice to those who are about to begin, in earnest, the journey of life, is to take their heart in one hand and a club in the other.
- Josh Billings

HISTORY

History, at least in its ideal state of perfection, is a compound of poetry and philosophy.
- Thomas Babington Macaulay

HOBBIES

Idling has always been my strong point. I take no credit to myself – it is a gift.
- J. K. Jerome

HOW TO...

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.
- Lucille Ball

HUMOUR

I thought I'd begin by reading a poem by Shakespeare but then I thought 'why should I?' He never reads any of mine.
- Spike Milligan

LITERATURE

One man is as good as another until he has written a book.
- Benjamin Jowett

MODERN BIOGRAPHY

Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you.
- Cyril Connolly (1903-74)

MODERN HISTORY

The good things in history are usually very short in duration, but afterwards have a decisive influence over what happens over long periods of time.
- Hannah Arendt

MYTHOLOGY

If you ever met anyone with one green and one brown eye we were to cross ourselves, for that was a human child that had been taken over by the fairies. The brown eye was the sign it had been human.
- Seamus Deane

NATURE

For we cannot command Nature except by obeying her.
- Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans

NEW AGE AND OCCULT

I wants to make your flesh creep.
- The Fat Boy, *Pickwick Papers*

PETS

My experiences with the dogs in my life convince me that...the dog truly loves us...beyond measure, beyond what we deserve, more indeed than we love ourselves.
- Jeffrey Masson

PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience.
- Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

It is true, that a little philosophy inclineth Man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.
- Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, *Of Atheism*

SCIENCE

It came by a lightning flash like knowledge from the gods.
- Edward O. Wilson, on the 1953 discovery of the DNA molecule

SCOTTISH INTEREST

Scotland, I rush before you into my future that, every minute, grows smaller and smaller.
- Norman McCaig

SPORT

They set me up as an untameable northern savage who ate broken glass and infant batsmen for breakfast.
- Fred Trueman

TRANSPORT

If there is room for only five on a bus, you will be sixth in the queue.
- Leonard Rossiter

TRAVEL AND PLACES

There is a special ambivalence to journeys in which one's own discomfort seems mitigated by an awareness of the much greater misery of the people around one.
- George Woodcock

WAR AND MILITARIA

Even in victory, there is no beauty, and he who calls it beautiful is one who delights in slaughter.
- Lao-Tzu

WAR MEMOIRS

Victory has a hundred memories but defeat has amnesia.
- W. I. Gates

WORDS

The pen is mightier than the sword – and considerably easier to write with.
- Marty Feldman

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