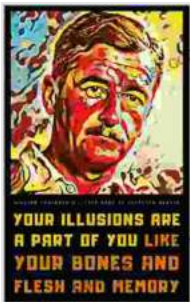


William Faulkner's Little Book of Selected Quotes: A Glimpse into the Mind of a Literary Giant

William Faulkner, the enigmatic literary colossus of the 20th century, left behind a treasure trove of profound and evocative quotes that continue to resonate with readers today. His words, as dense and complex as the Southern landscapes he depicted, paint vivid pictures, explore the depths of the human condition, and challenge our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.



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This curated collection of Faulkner's most memorable quotes offers a tantalizing glimpse into the mind of a literary genius. From his early writings to his Nobel Prize-winning masterpieces, these quotes showcase the breadth and depth of his literary prowess. Prepare to be captivated by his haunting prose, his incisive wit, and his profound understanding of the human experience.

"The past is never dead. It's not even past."

- Requiem for a Nun (1951)

This iconic quote captures Faulkner's belief in the enduring power of the past. He saw it as a force that shapes and haunts the present, influencing our actions, decisions, and very existence. This quote reminds us that we cannot escape our history, both personal and collective, and that it continues to shape our lives in profound ways.

"Man will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest."

- As I Lay Dying (1930)

Faulkner's antipathy towards organized religion is evident in this powerful quote. He viewed religion as a tool of oppression, a means by which the powerful control the masses. This quote reflects his belief in the importance of individual freedom and autonomy, and his skepticism towards institutions that claim to hold ultimate authority.

"Memory believes before knowing remembers. Believes later than knowing even forgets."

- The Sound and the Fury (1929)

Faulkner's exploration of memory and its complexities is a recurring theme throughout his work. In this quote, he suggests that memory is not a passive recording device, but an active force that shapes our perception of the past. Memory is both a source of comfort and a burden, and it can lead us to both truth and delusion.

"The world is not a pleasant place to be born into."

- Light in August (1932)

Faulkner's unflinching portrayal of the human condition is evident in this bleak but honest assessment of life. He acknowledged the pain, suffering, and injustice that plague humanity, but he also believed in the resilience and indomitable spirit of the human soul.

"I think that man is immortal not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance."

- Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech (1950)

Despite his pessimism about the world, Faulkner held a deep faith in the human spirit. He believed that even in the face of darkness, humanity's capacity for love, empathy, and selflessness makes it worthy of redemption.

"Get out of the house. Get out of the city. Get out of the country. Get out of the world."

- Absalom, Absalom! (1936)

Faulkner's exploration of isolation and alienation is a hallmark of his work. This quote captures his belief in the need to escape the confines of society and to seek connection with the natural world. Only in solitude, he suggests, can we truly find ourselves and our place in the universe.

"He was a man who had traded hope for quiet, and quiet for peace."

- Intruder in the Dust (1948)

Faulkner's characters often struggle with the weight of the past and the search for redemption. This quote encapsulates the sacrifice and compromise that comes with seeking peace and tranquility. It raises questions about the nature of happiness and the price we are willing to pay for it.

"The past is not dead. It's not even past."

- Requiem for a Nun (1951)

Faulkner's emphasis on the enduring power of the past is a recurring theme throughout his work. He believed that history, both personal and collective, shapes who we are and what we become. This quote reminds us of the importance of confronting our past, both the good and the bad, in order to move forward with clarity and purpose.

"I don't know what language the flowers speak, but I'm sure it is beautiful."

- Light in August (1932)

Faulkner's love of nature and his reverence for the beauty of the natural world is evident in this lyrical quote. He saw nature as a source of inspiration, solace, and connection to something larger than ourselves.

"To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering."

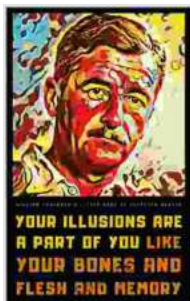
- If I Forget Thee, Jerusalem (1939)

Faulkner's exploration of the human condition often centers around the themes of suffering and redemption. He believed that suffering is an

inherent part of the human experience, but that it is through suffering that we find meaning and purpose in life.

William Faulkner's Little Book of Selected Quotes offers a profound and thought-provoking journey into the mind of a literary genius. Through his evocative prose and incisive insights, Faulkner challenges us to confront the complexities of the human condition, to question our beliefs, and to seek deeper meaning in our lives.

Whether you are a seasoned Faulkner aficionado or a newcomer to his work, this collection of quotes is sure to captivate, inspire, and leave a lasting impression. Dive into Faulkner's literary world and discover the enduring power of his timeless words.



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