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- "A writer is a person for whom writing is more difficult than it is for other people." - Thomas Mann
- "If a writer wrote merely for his time, I would have to break my pen and throw it away." -Victor Hugo
- "The novel is an event in consciousness. Our aim isn't to copy actuality, but to modify and recreate our sense of it. The novelist is inviting the reader to watch a performance in his own brain." -George Buchanan
- "There is no such thing as public opinion. There is only published opinion." -Winston Churchill
- "There are three rules for writing the novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are." -W. Somerset Maugham
- "I think I did pretty well, considering I started out with nothing but a bunch of blank paper." -Steve Martin
- "After being turned down by numerous publishers, he had decided to write for posterity." -George Ade
- "A writer should have another lifetime to see if he's appreciated." -Jorge Luis Borges
- "This report, by its very length, defends itself against the risk of being read." -Winston Churchill
- "By writing much, one learns to write well." -Robert Southey
- "Write quickly and you will never write well. Write well, and you will soon write quickly." -Marcus Fabius Quintilianus
- "I have made this letter longer, because I have not had the time to make it shorter." -Blaise Pascal
- "The ill and unfit choice of words wonderfully obstructs the understanding." -Francis Bacon
- "It's none of their business that you have to learn to write. Let them think you were born that way." -Ernest Hemingway
- "There is no great writing, only great rewriting." -Justice Brandeis



- "Writing is 1 percent inspiration, and 99 percent elimination." -Louise Brooks
- "Your manuscript is both good and original, but the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original is not good." -Samuel Johnson
- "I have been successful probably because I have always realized that I knew nothing about writing and have merely tried to tell an interesting story entertainingly." -Edgar Rice Burroughs
- "No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader." -Robert Frost
- "Each writer is born with a repertory company in his head and as you get older, you become more skillful casting them." -Gore Vidal
- "Stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. But not necessarily in that order." - Robert Silverberg
- "I admire anybody who has the guts to write anything at all." -E.B. White
- "Write without pay until someone offers pay. If nobody offers within three years, the candidate may look upon this as a sign that sawing wood is what he was intended for." -Mark Twain
- "No passion in the world is equal to the passion to alter someone else's draft." -H.G. Wells

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