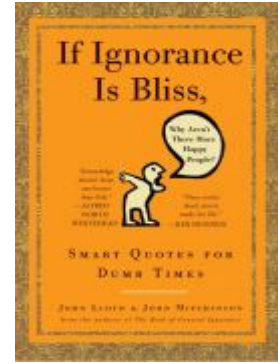


Quotation Nation

Our library staff found this title perfect for rounding out the year and interacting and sharing with the FFPL community. Below, we've paired two quotes for each letter of the alphabet, in an effort to increase the affect for our readers. Please direct your comments and suggestions to radujko@bccls.org after you enjoy reading them. It would be a pleasure to hear from you!



{Apples}

With an apple I will astonish Paris.

Paul Cézanne

{Artichokes}

These things are just plain annoying. After all the trouble you go to, you get about as much actual "food"...as you would from licking thirty or forty postage stamps. Have the shrimp cocktail instead.

Miss Piggy

{Business}

It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness.

Leo Tolstoy

{Brain}

The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office.

Robert Frost

{Courage}

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

Anais Nin

{Curiosity}

People die when curiosity goes.

Graham Swift

{Discoveries}

The more original the discovery, the more obvious it seems afterward.

Arthur Koestler

{Doubt}

Doubt grows with knowledge.

Goethe

{Ears}

We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

Epictetus

{Excuses}

Never ruin an apology with an excuse.

Kimberly Johnson

{Flowers}

Perfumes are the feelings of flowers.

Heinrich Heine

{Food}

Food is an important part of a balanced diet.

Fran Lebowitz

{Giving}

You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

John Bunyan

{Greatness}

The price of greatness is responsibility.

Winston Churchill

{Happiness}

Happiness is a way of travel, not a destination.

Roy Goodman

{Heaven}

In heaven all the interesting people are missing.

Friedrich Nietzsche

{Imagination}

Everything you can imagine is real.

Pablo Picasso

{Interestingness}

What am I interested in? Everything.

Thomas Edison

{Joy}

Seize from every moment its unique novelty and do not prepare your joys.

Andre Gide

{Judgement}

Do not judge, and you will never be mistaken.

Jean Jacques Rousseau

{Kindness}

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.

Plato

{Knowledge}

We are here and it is now. Further than that all human knowledge is moonshine.

H. L. Mencken

{Love}

Loves takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within.

James Baldwin

{Luck}

I find the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

Thomas Jefferson

{Mountains}

My father considered a walk among the mountains as the equivalent of church-going.

Aldous Huxley

{Music}

Don't play what's there, play what's not there.

Miles Davis

{Nothingness}

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

Antoine De Saint-Exupery

{Numbers}

There is no safety in numbers, or in anything else.

James Thurber

{Opera}

Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.

Ed Gardner

{Opinions}

Everyone's entitled to my opinion.

Madonna

{Paintings}

Shall I tell you what I think are the two qualities of a work of art? First, it must be indescribable, and, second, it must be inimitable.

Pierre Auguste Renoir

{Photography}

One should photograph objects, not only for what they are, but for what else they are.

Minor White

{Quality}

You can't fake quality any more than you can fake a good meal.

William S. Burroughs

{Quotations}

Stronger than any army is a quotation whose time has come.

W. I. E. Gates

{Risk}

Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is.

Will Rogers

{Rules}

The golden rule is that there are no golden rules.

George Bernard Shaw

{Self}

The perfect man has no self.

Zhuangzi (Chuang Tzu)

{Simplicity}

It is far more difficult to be simple than to be complicated.

John Ruskin

{Time}

I went to a restaurant that serves “breakfast anytime.” So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

Steven Wright

{Tools}

The big artist...keeps an eye on nature and steals her tools.

Thomas Eakins

{Umbrellas}

All men are equal—all men, that is to say, who possess umbrellas.

E. M. Forster

{Vegetables}

Lettuce is divine, although I’m not sure it’s really a food.

Diana Vreeland

{Water}

It would be impressive if it flowed the other way.

Oscar Wilde, commenting on Niagra Falls.

{X, Y, Z}