

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it. The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them. | Never judge a book by its movie.

Books are the compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life. When you reread a classic you see more in you than was there before. | Books are the bees which carry the quickening pollen from one to another mind. | Fiction reveals truths that reality obscures.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. | Books had instant replay long before televised sports. There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them. | Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

If there's a book you really want to read but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it. The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest men of the past centuries. | Through literacy you can begin to see the universe. Through music you can reach anybody. Between the two there is you, unstoppable. | I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.