

My Favorite Quotations

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1. *“Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.”*
– Albert Einstein
2. *“I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.”*
– Douglas Adams
3. *“I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best.”*
– Marilyn Monroe
4. *“What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so.”*
– Mark Twain
5. *“You see. I don't think any new thoughts. I think thoughts that other people have thought, and I rearrange them. But Sara, she thinks thoughts that never were before.”*
– Linus Torvalds, Just for Fun
6. *“Everybody Lies.”*
– Gregory House, House M.D
7. *“Forty-two,” said Deep Thought, with infinite majesty and calm.”*
– Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
8. *“Engineering - this is where the semi-skilled workers realize the work of better minds. Hello, Oompah-Loompahs of science. ”*
– Sheldon Cooper, Big Bang Theory

9. *“There is a certain innocence among some mathematicians, and that reminds me of the words of the Mozart character in Pushkins poetic drama, Mozart and Salieri: And genius and villainy are two things incompatible, arent they?”*
– Tanya Khovanova
10. *“At our graduation we were bound by enormous affection, by our shared experience of a time that could never come again, and, of course, by the knowledge that we held certain photographic evidence that would be exceptionally valuable if any of us ran for Prime Minister.”*
– J.K. Rowling, Harvard Commencement Address
11. *“They may take my dignity, but they will never take our straws! ”*
– Liz Lemon, 30 Rock
12. *“What do women want? As though it’s really mysterious. As though it’s a big deal. All that women want is what anybody wants. You know, friendship and companionship and respect and a certain amount of leadership with submission and a kind of cooperation at all times and pre-emptive empathy and you know, general telepathy. It’s no big deal, is it?”*
– Dylan Moran, Like Totally
13. *“Sam, you have such pretty brown eyes. The kind of brown that deserves to make a big deal about itself. You know what I mean?”*
– Charlie, The Perks of Being a Wallflower
14. *“Donde, esta, la biblioteca. Me llamo T-Bone La arana discoteca. Discoteca, muneca, La biblioteca esa bigote grande, perro, manteca. Manteca, bigote, gigante, pequeno, cabeza es nieve, cerveza es bueno. Buenos dias, me gusta papas frias, bigote de la cabra Es Cameron Diaz. Yea boi. Boi. Yea. What. Its 2009. Word.”*
– Community
15. *“Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing.”*
– To Kill a Mocking Bird
16. Jack: *“Lemon, there is a word, a once special word thats been tragically co-opted by the romance industrial complex and I would hate to*

use it here and have you think that I am suggesting any type of romantic sentiment, let alone an invitation to scale Bone Mountain. Its a word that comes to us by way of the old high German luba from the Latin lubera meaning to be pleasing. So, Im going to use this word to describe how I feel about you in the way that our Anglo-saxon forefathers would have used it in reference to say. "hot bowl of bear meat or your enemies skull, split ...".

Lemon: *"I love you, too, Jack. "*

– 30 Rock, Last Lunch

17. *"Its vanished trees had once pandered in whispers to the last and greatest of all human dreams; for a transitory enchanted moment man must have held his breath in the presence of this continent, compelled into an aesthetic contemplation he neither understood nor desired, face to face for the last time in history with something commensurate with his capacity of wonder."*

– The Great Gatsby

18. Kramer: *"Do you ever yearn?"*

George: *"Yearn? Do I yearn?"*

Kramer: *"I yearn."*

George: *"You yearn?"*

Kramer: *"Oh, yes. Yes, I yearn. Often I sit... and yearn. Have you yearned?"*

George: *"Well, not recently. I've craved. Constant craving. But I haven't yearned."*

– Seinfeld

19. *"You know that a rainbow appears when sunlight is refracted by tiny droplets of water, with each color of light being diverted through a slightly different angle and bouncing back from the raindrops to meet the observing eye. But if thats all there is to a rainbow, why dont the billions of differently colored light rays from billions of raindrops just overlap and smear out? The answer lies in the geometry of the rainbow. When the light bounces around inside a raindrop, the spherical shape of the drop causes the light to emerge with a very strong focus along a particular direction. The rainbow that you see and the rainbow that I see are created by different raindrops. Our eyes are in different places, so we detect different cones, produced by different drops. Rainbows are personal."* – Ian Stewart, Letters to a Young Mathematician

20. Lady: *"You are drunk."*
Winston Churchill: *"My dear, you are ugly, but tomorrow I shall be sober."*
21. *"It's that thing when you're with someone, and you love them and they know it, and they love you and you know it... but it's a party... and you're both talking to other people, and you're laughing and shining... and you look across the room and catch each other's eyes... but - but not because you're possessive, or it's precisely sexual... but because... that is your person in this life. And it's funny and sad, but only because this life will end, and it's this secret world that exists right there in public, unnoticed, that no one else knows about. It's sort of like how they say that other dimensions exist all around us, but we don't have the ability to perceive them. That's - That's what I want out of a relationship. Or just life, I guess."* – Francis Ha
22. *"Sometimes I think I have felt everything I'm ever going to feel. And from here on out, I'm not going to feel anything new. Just lesser versions of what I've already felt."* – Her (movie)
23. *"The only instruction which a professor can give, in my opinion, is to think in front of his students."* – Henri Lebesgue

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