

‘A book is more than the sum of its materials. It is an artefact of the human mind and hand.’

Geraldine Brooks (*b.*1955)

‘A successful book is not  
made of what is in it,  
but what is left out of it.’

Mark Twain (1835 – 1910)

‘Books let us into their  
souls and lay open to  
us the secrets of our own.’

William Hazlitt (1778 – 1830)

‘I know I was writing stories  
when I was five. I don’t know  
what I did before that.  
Just loafed, I suppose.’

P G Wodehouse (1881 – 1975)

‘In Western Civilisation,  
our elders are books.’

Gary Snyder (*b.*1930)

‘Never trust anyone who  
has not brought a book  
with them.’

Lemony Snicket (*b.*1970)

*Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can't Avoid*

‘Poetry is the rhythmical  
creation of beauty in words.’

Edgar Allan Poe (1809 – 1849)

‘The love of books is among  
the choicest gifts of the gods.’

Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 – 1930)



‘There is no such thing as a  
moral or an immoral book.

Books are well written,  
or badly written.’

Oscar Wilde (1854 – 1900)

‘When I get a little money  
I buy books; and if any is  
left I buy food and clothes.’

Erasmus (1466 – 1536)