

## Match the pithy saying with the author

Hint. Some authors in the list have more than one quote, and some have none. (Answers on page 2)

1. The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.
2. No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader. No surprise in the writer, no surprise in the reader.
3. Writing is an exploration. You start from nothing and learn as you go.
4. Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.
5. The writer must believe that what he is doing is the most important thing in the world. And he must hold to this illusion even when he knows it is not true.
6. If there's a book that you want to read, but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it.
7. We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.
8. You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club.
9. There are three rules for writing a novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
10. You fail only if you stop writing.
11. It took me 15 years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous.
12. There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written, or badly written. That is all.
13. Writing is a socially acceptable form of schizophrenia.
14. To me, the greatest pleasure of writing is not what it's about, but the inner music that words make.
15. The difference between the *almost right* word and the *right* word is really a large matter. 'tis the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.

## **Authors (in alphabetical order):**

Robert Benchley  
Ray Bradbury  
Truman Capote  
Anton Chekhov  
E.L. Doctorow  
F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Benjamin Franklin  
Robert Frost  
John Grisham  
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Ernest Hemingway  
Stephen King  
Jack London  
Somerset Maugham  
Herman Melville  
Toni Morrison  
John Steinbeck  
Henry David Thoreau  
Mark Twain  
Oscar Wilde

## Famous Author Quotes – With Attribution

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