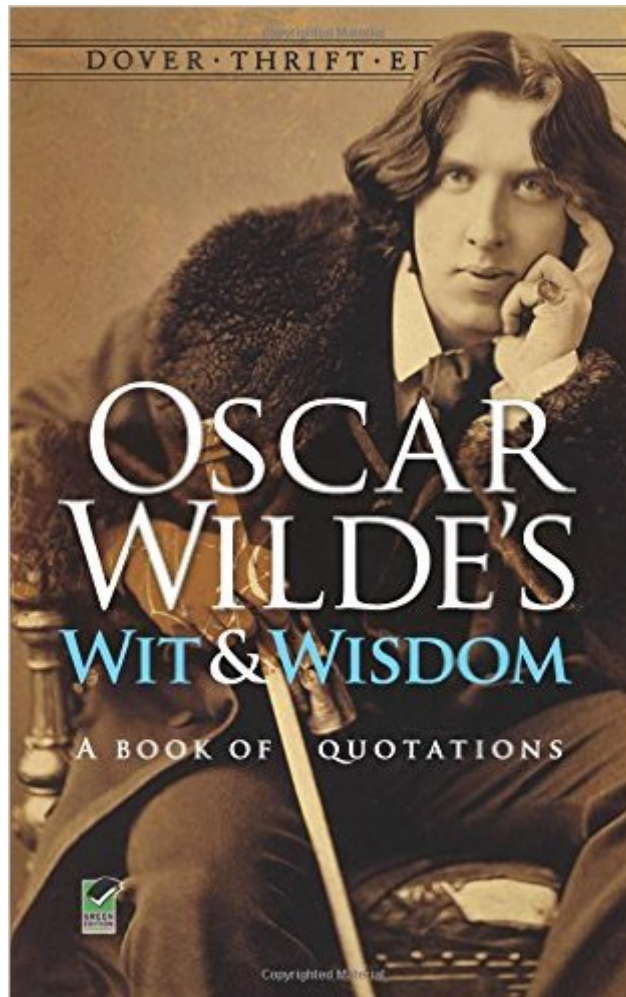


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"I have the simplest tastes," remarked Oscar Wilde. "I am always satisfied with the best." In this superlative collection of quotations by the great Irish playwright and wit, readers will find the very best of Wilde's scintillating comments on art, human nature, morals, society, politics, history, and numerous other subjects. Epigrams, aphorisms, and other bon mots gleaned from Wilde's enduringly popular plays, essays, and conversation offer amusing, thought-provoking observations that resonate with truth and profundity beneath their comic surface. Widely acknowledged as the most brilliant talker of his age, Wilde once explained to André Gide, "I put all my genius into my life; I put only my talent into my works." This fine collection of nearly 400 quotes, organized by category, contains quotations from both his works and his conversation, including gems from his personal life with which even devotees may be unfamiliar. The result is a splendid introduction to Wilde's mind and personality, embodied in a feast of the English language's most brilliant and perceptive witticisms.

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"I can resist everything except temptation." "There is no sin except stupidity." "It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances." "It is always with the best intentions that the worst work is done." These laconic aphorisms are just the tip of the iceberg of Wilde's impressive, yet oftentimes eclectic and nihilistic, use of the English language. Dover gives us 60 pages of brilliant witticisms and axioms to use over and over again for a mere dollar. You can't go wrong. Also recommended -

Dover's Shakespeare quotes book for a dollar. Enjoy.

Everyone knows OW was a witty guy. If you want to find witty things he said in one small book such that you can try to emulate his wit, this book is for you. It's good for an hour's read where you will snicker, snort, and grin. It's exactly what I expected and exactly what I got. Whee!

This collection of Wilde's greatest quotes is an easy read, and wonderful to keep around the house. Wilde's wisdom is displayed throughout this edition, and is a must have for any Wilde fan.

Oscar Wilde was one of the most brilliant men to ever live and his oeuvre definitely deserves a quote book of its own. I realize that he has several but I bought this one recently and on the cheap (I got mine used from a z shop). Here the great playwright's observations are subdivided into chapters concerning men, women, marriage, youth, sin, religion, journalism, wealth, England, America etc. It's a concise collection but contains nearly 60 pages of priceless insight. Wilde sums up a large amount of human nature almost effortlessly via the words of the characters found in his works. In fact, if you ever need a source regarding just about anything cultural he's a wonderful authority. It's too bad he did not live in our times as his irreverence would have been better appreciated and celebrated--at least by those of us who are not politically correct. Rest in Peace, hero.

This sweet little book is full of Oscar Wilde's great little quips. I absolutely love it! I keep it next to my desk and pick it up for those sweet little chuckle breaks that we all must take to break up the dreary work day! Great little read! Promise!

Oscar Wilde stands alone. He may have promoted himself, as he should have done because he had a lot of wisdom to share. It has come to my attention that people prefer to judge any Author by their lives rather than listen/read their wisdom. My advice is to ignore all the yap, yap, yap about who wrote what and why and just READ the writings. For some reason the silly "check the blanks" offered by and/or other organizations is to be ignored. Perhaps it is the attempt to give people who are obsessed with judging some statistics to justify their heart felt censorship if some writings goes against their own shallow conceptions and beliefs. It does make me question the next BOOK BURNING - and witch burning, as well.

I'm a huge Oscar Wilde fan. This collection is a delight. What's not to love when you have a

pocketful of his nuggets like: "No man is rich enough to buy back his past." -An Ideal Husband.or
"Rich Bachelors should be taxed. It's not fair that some men should be happier than others." - In
Conversation.Get it. Sip a little with your tea. ;-)

Oscar Wilde, for all his wit and wisdom was a man unable to survive his abbreviated lifetime. A
married Gay man representing himself publicly as straight (not a word so commonly used to
represent sexuality in the 19th Century) was eventually drawn into the courts of Great Britain
surprising Wilde beyond his comprehension. His self-interests were not legally appreciated in the
U.K. at that time resulting in his imprisonment. Wilde was witty, brave, and held much contempt for
those who could not possibly understand the lifestyles of those who were so easily discriminated
against and so swiftly thrust into jail. The Oscar Wilde depicted through his wit and wisdom is how I
am certain he wanted to be remembered. Writing and dying under an assumed name, Sebastian
Melmoth was nothing of the outcome he would have expected. I believe, however, and to his
satisfaction, he presents himself to us as we know him: a great and clever author and poet.

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