

‘A good poem is a contribution
to reality. The world is never
the same once a good poem
has been added to it.’

Dylan Thomas (1914 – 1953))

‘Books are like imprisoned
souls till someone takes
them down from a shelf
and frees them.’

Samuel Butler (1835 – 1902)

‘History will be kind to me
for I intend to write it.’

Winston Churchill (1874 – 1965)

‘I’ve never known any
trouble that an hour’s
reading didn’t assuage.’

Charles de Secondat (1689 – 1755)

‘Just the knowledge that a good book is awaiting one at the end of a long day makes that day happier.’

Kathleen Norris (*b.1947*)

‘One day I will find the
right words, and they
will be simple.’

Jack Kerouac (1922 – 1969)

The Dharma Bums

‘So much of what I see
reminds me of something I
read in a book. Shouldn’t it
be the other way round?’

Nora Ephron (1941 – 2012)

‘There are perhaps no days
of our childhood we lived
so fully as those we spent
with a favourite book.’

Marcel Proust (1871 – 1922)

‘We live for books.’

Umberto Eco (*b.*1932)

The Name of the Rose

‘You cannot open a book
without learning something.’

Confucius (551 – 479 BCE)