

‘A room without books is
like a body without a soul.’

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106BC – 43BC)

‘Books are the treasured
wealth of the world and
the fit inheritance of
generations and nations.’

Henry David Thoreau (1817 – 1862)

‘I find television very educating.
Every time somebody turns
on the set, I go into the other
room and read a book.’

Julius Henry “Groucho” Marx (1890 – 1977)

‘If you want to change
the world, pick up your
pen and write.’

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

‘Many people, myself among them, feel better at the mere sight of a book.’

Jane Smiley (b.1949)

Thirteen Ways of Looking at the Novel

‘Picking five favourite books is like picking the five body parts you’d most like not to lose.’

Neil Gaiman (*b.*1960)

‘The creative writer does the same as the child at play: he creates a world of fantasy which he takes very seriously.’

Sigmund Freud (1856 – 1939)

‘There is no mistaking a real
book when one meets it.
It is like falling in love.’

Christopher Morley (1890 – 1957)

‘What kind of life can
you have in a house
without books?’

Sherman Alexie (*b.*1966)

Flight

‘You don’t write because you
want to say something,
you write because you have
something to say.’

F Scott Fitzgerald (1896 – 1940)