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Quotes about Fame

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It's too bad I'm not as wonderful a person as people say I am, because the world could use a few people like that.

- Alda, Alan

How great are the dangers I face to win a good name in Athens.

- Alexander The Great

A celebrity is a person who works hard all of their life to become well known, and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.

- Allen, Fred A.

Fame often makes a writer vain, but seldom makes him proud.

- Auden, W. H.

Fame is like a river, that beareth up things light and swollen, and drowns things weighty and solid.

- Bacon, Francis

Good fame is like fire; when you have kindled you may easily preserve it; but if you extinguish it, you will not easily kindle it again.

- Bacon, Francis

Fame always brings loneliness. Success is as ice cold and lonely as the North Pole.

- Baum, Vicki

Those who have known the famous are publicly debriefed of their memories, knowing as their own dusk falls that they will only be remembered for remembering someone else.

- Bennett, Alan

The strongest poison ever known came from Caesar's laurel crown.

- Blake, William

I must say, I don't feel very qualified to be a pop star. I feel very awkward at times in the role.

- Bono, Edward De

People should realize we're jerks just like them.

- Bono, Edward De

Celebrity-worship and hero-worship should not be confused. Yet we confuse them every day, and by doing so we come dangerously close to depriving ourselves of all real models. We lose sight of the men and women who do not simply seem great because they are famous but are famous because they are great. We come closer and closer to

degrading all fame into notoriety.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

A sign of celebrity is often that their name is worth more than their services.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

Popular applause veers with the wind.

- Bright, John

But the iniquity of oblivion blindly scattereth her poppy, and deals with the memory of men without distinction to merit of perpetuity.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

There is not in the world so toilsome a trade as the pursuit of fame; life concludes before you have so much as sketched your work.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

Happy is the man who hath never known what it is to taste of fame --to have it is a purgatory, to want it is a Hell!

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

Passion for fame: A passion which is the instinct of all great souls.

- Burke, Edmund

I awoke one morning and found myself famous.

- Byron, Lord

Folly loves the martyrdom of fame.

- Byron, Lord

Fame is the thirst of youth.

- Byron, Lord

My great comfort is, that the temporary celebrity I have wrung from the world has been in the very teeth of all opinions and prejudices. I have flattered no ruling powers; I have never concealed a single thought that tempted me.

- Byron, Lord

To many fame comes too late.

- Camoens, Luis De

Fame is only good for one thing-they will cash your check in a small town.

- Capote, Truman

Fame, we may understand, is no sure test of merit, but only a probability of such; it is an accident, not a property of man.

- Carlyle, Thomas

When you can do the common things in life in a uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.

- Carver, George Washington

I would much rather have men ask why I have no statue than why I have one.

- Cato The Elder

After I'm dead I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one.

- Cato The Elder

It often happens that those of whom we speak least on earth are best known in heaven.

- Caussin, Nicolas

If you are ambitious of climbing up to the difficult, and in a manner inaccessible, summit of the Temple of Fame, your surest way is to leave on one hand the narrow path of Poetry, and follow the narrower track of Knight-Errantry, which in a trice may raise you to an imperial throne.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Celebrity is the advantage of being known to people who we don't know, and who don't know us.

- Chamfort, Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De

Let us not disdain glory too much; nothing is finer, except virtue. The height of happiness would be to unite both in this life.

- Chateaubriand, Vicomte De

The present condition of fame is merely fashion.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

True glory takes root, and even spreads; all false pretences, like flowers, fall to the ground; nor can any counterfeit last long.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Glory follows virtue as if it were its shadow.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

To want fame is to prefer dying scorned than forgotten.

- Cioran, E. M.

Acquaintance lessens fame.

- Claudius

Of present fame think little, and of future less; the praises that we receive after we are

buried, like the flowers that are strewn over our grave, may be gratifying to the living, but they are nothing to the dead.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

I am not concerned that I am not known, I seek to be worthy to be known.

- Confucius

Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail, and it is only after it has slipped through the hands of some thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it!

- Crockett, Davy

Worldly fame is but a breath of wind that blows now this way, and now that, and changes name as it changes direction.

- Dante Alighieri

We movie stars all end up by ourselves. Who knows? Maybe we want to.

- Davis, Bette

A legend is an old man with a cane known for what he used to do. I'm still doing it.

- Davis, Miles

Fame is a fickle food upon a shifting plate.

- Dickinson, Emily

Fame and power are the objects of all men. Even their partial fruition is gained by very few; and that, too, at the expense of social pleasure, health, conscience, life.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

There has never been a statue erected to the memory of someone who let well enough alone.

- Ellinger, Jules

Fame is proof that the people are gullible.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

What is popularly called fame is nothing but an empty name and a legacy from paganism.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

I was the only one there I never heard of.

- Farber, Barry J.

There have been as great souls unknown to fame as any of the most famous.

- Franklin, Benjamin

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Fame is the echo of actions, resounding them to the world, save that the echo repeats only the last act, but fame relates all, and often more than all.

- Fuller, Thomas

If I'm such a legend, then why am I so lonely? Let me tell you, legends are all very well if you've got somebody around who loves you.

- Garland, Judy

What life half gives a man, posterity gives entirely.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it; and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

If you modestly enjoy your fame you are not unworthy to rank with the holy.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

There are names written in her immortal scroll at which Fame blushes!

- Hazlitt, William

The love of fame is almost another name for the love of excellence; or it is the ambition to attain the highest excellence, sanctioned by the highest authority, that of time.

- Hazlitt, William

Fame is the inheritance not of the dead, but of the living. It is we who look back with lofty pride to the great names of antiquity.

- Hazlitt, William

It is a mark of many famous people that they cannot part with their brightest hour.

- Hellman, Lillian

Fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

How vain, without the merit, is the name.

- Homer

I'm afraid of losing my obscurity. Genuineness only thrives in the dark. Like celery.

- Huxley, Aldous

Once you become famous, there is nothing left to become but infamous.

- Johnson, Don

He that pursues fame with just claims, trusts his happiness to the winds; but he that endeavors after it by false merit, has to fear, not only the violence of the storm, but the leaks of his vessel.

- Johnson, Samuel

To get a name can happen but to few; it is one of the few things that cannot be brought. It is the free gift of mankind, which must be deserved before it will be granted, and is at last unwillingly bestowed.

- Johnson, Samuel

It is a wretched thing to live on the fame of others.

- Juvenal, (Decimus Junius Juvenalis)

Who would wish to be among the commonplace crowd of the little famous -- who are each individually lost in a throng made up of themselves?

- Keats, John

The fame of great men ought to be judged always by the means they used to acquire it.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Throughout my life, I have seen narrow-shouldered men, without a single exception, committing innumerable stupid acts, brutalizing their fellows and perverting souls by all means. They call the motive for their actions fame.

- Lautreamont, Isidore Ducasse, Comte De

Some people obtain fame, others deserve it.

- Lessing, Doris

Fame comes only when deserved, and then is as inevitable as destiny, for it is destiny.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime. And, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

I won't be happy till I'm as famous as God.

- Madonna

I had it all and blew it.

- Mantle, Mickey

May the countryside and the gliding valley streams content me. Lost to fame, let me love river and woodland.

- Maro, Virgil Publius Vergilius

I do not like the man who squanders life for fame; give me the man who living makes a name.

- Martial, Marcus Valerius

If fame is to come only after death, I am in no hurry for it.

- Martial, Marcus Valerius

It is dangerous to let the public behind the scenes. They are easily disillusioned and then they are angry with you, for it was the illusion they loved.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

A celebrity is one who is known to many persons he is glad he doesn't know.

- Mencken, H. L.

Fame is an illusive thing -- here today, gone tomorrow. The fickle, shallow mob raises its heroes to the pinnacle of approval today and hurls them into oblivion tomorrow at the slightest whim; cheers today, hisses tomorrow; utter forgetfulness in a few months.

- Miller, Henry

The professional celebrity, male and female, is the crowning result of the star system of a society that makes a fetish of competition. In America, this system is carried to the point where a man who can knock a small white ball into a series of holes in the ground with more efficiency than anyone else thereby gains social access to the President of the United States.

- Mills, C. Wright

In the world of the celebrity, the hierarchy of publicity has replaced the hierarchy of descent and even of great wealth.

- Mills, C. Wright

Fame is no plant that grows on mortal soil.

- Milton, John

Not to know me argues yourselves unknown.

- Milton, John

Fame will go by and, so long, I've had you, fame. If it goes by, I've always known it was fickle. So at least it's something I experienced, but that's not where I live.

- Monroe, Marilyn

A sex symbol becomes a thing. I hate being a thing.

- Monroe, Marilyn

All the fame you should look for in life is to have lived it quietly.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

Being famous was extremely disappointing for me. When I became famous it was a complete drag and it is still a complete drag.

- Morrison, Van

It is a short walk from the hallelujah to the hoot.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

A star on a movie set is like a time bomb. That bomb has got to be defused so people can approach it without fear.

- Nicholson, Jack

The love of glory gives an immense stimulus.

- Ovid

It is better to be a has-been than a never-was.

- Parkinson, Cecil

The charm of fame is so great that we like every object to which it is attached, even death.

- Pascal, Blaise

Even those who write against fame wish for the fame of having written well, and those who read their works desire the fame of having read them.

- Pascal, Blaise

I want to be famous everywhere.

- Pavarotti, Luciano

Now there is fame! Of all -- hunger, misery, the incomprehension by the public -- fame is by far the worst. It is the castigation of God by the artist. It is sad. It is true.

- Picasso, Pablo

Heartthrobs are a dime a dozen.

- Pitt, Brad

True glory consists in doing what deserves to be written; in writing what deserves to be read; and in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living in it.

- Pliny The Elder

What's fame? a fancy'd life in other's breath. A thing beyond us, even before our death.

- Pope, Alexander

'Tis the white stag, Fame, we're a-hunting, bid the world's hounds come to horn!

- Pound, Ezra

Riches: A dream in the night. Fame: A gull floating on water.

- Proverb, Chinese

Few people rise to our esteem upon closer scrutiny.

- Proverb, French

Fame is a constant effort

- Renard, Jules

Oblivion is the rule and fame the exception, of humanity.

- Rivarol, Antoine

Renown? I've already got more of it than those I respect, and will never have as much as those for whom I feel contempt..

- Rostand, Jean

To become a celebrity is to become a brand name. There is Ivory Soap, Rice Krispies, and Philip Roth. Ivory is the soap that floats; Rice Krispies the breakfast cereal that goes snap-crackle-pop; Philip Roth the Jew who masturbates with a piece of liver.

- Roth, Philip

Fame is but the breath of people, and that often unwholesome.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

The majority of pop stars are complete idiots in every respect.

- Sade, Marquis De

The highest form of vanity is love of fame.

- Santayana, George

Of all the possessions of this life fame is the noblest; when the body has sunk into the dust the great name still lives.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Fame is something that must be won. Honor is something that must not be lost.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

The longer a man's fame is likely to last, the longer it will be in coming.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

We always hear about the haves and the have-nots. Why don't we hear about the doers and the do-nots.

- Sewell, Thomas

Glory is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till, by broad spreading, it disperse to naught.

- Shakespeare, William

Celebrity is never more admired than by the negligent.

- Shakespeare, William

Death makes no conquest of this conqueror: For now he lives in fame, though not in life.

- Shakespeare, William

Time hath a wallet at his back, wherein he puts. Alms for oblivion, a great-sized monster of ingratitude.

- Shakespeare, William

Because I have conducted my own operas and love sheep-dogs; because I generally dress in tweeds, and sometimes, at winter afternoon concerts, have even conducted in them; because I was a militant suffragette and seized a chance of beating time to The March of the Women from the window of my cell in Holloway Prison with a tooth-brush; because I have written books, spoken speeches, broadcast, and don't always make sure that my hat is on straight; for these and other equally pertinent reasons, in a certain sense I am well known.

- Smyth, Dame Ethel

Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds.

- Socrates

The love of the famous, like all strong passions, is quite abstract. Its intensity can be measured mathematically, and it is independent of persons.

- Sontag, Susan

Fame has also this great drawback, that if we pursue it, we must direct our lives so as to please the fancy of men.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

What is fame? The advantage of being known by people of whom you yourself know nothing, and for whom you care as little.

- Stanislaus, Leszczyński

The love of fame is the last weakness which even the wise resign.

- Tacitus, Publius Cornelius

Even the best things are not equal to their fame.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The difference between great celebrities and the unknown is the former failed and yet went at it again; the latter gave up in despair.

- Unknown, Source

Celebrity is a mask that eats into the face. As soon as one is aware of being somebody, to be watched and listened to with extra interest, input ceases, and the performer goes blind and deaf in his over-animation. One can either see or be seen.

- Updike, John

The fame you earn has a different taste from the fame that is forced upon you.

- Vanderbilt, Gloria

Men's fame is like their hair, which grows after they are dead, and with just as little use to them.

- Villiers, George

Each man has his appointed day: short and irreparable in the brief life of all, but to extend our fame by our deeds, this is the work of mankind.

- Virgil

Fame hides her head among the clouds.

- Virgil

What a heavy burden is a name that has become famous too soon.

- Voltaire

The day will come when everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes.

- Warhol, Andy

Being a sex symbol was rather like being a convict.

- Welch, Raquel

What desire for fame attends both great and small; better be damned than mentioned not at all!

- Wolcot, John

Sometimes I wish I weren't famous.

- Wynette, Tammy



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