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Quotes about Home

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If I were asked to name the chief benefit of the house, I should say: the house shelters day-dreaming, the house protects the dreamer, the house allows one to dream in peace.

- Bachelard, Gaston

Houses are built to live in, and not to look on: therefore let use be preferred before uniformity.

- Bacon, Francis

People's backyards are much more interesting than their front gardens, and houses that back on to railways are public benefactors.

- Betjeman, John

Be grateful for the home you have, knowing that at this moment, all you have is all you need.

- Breathnach, Sarah Ban

There are things you just can't do in life. You can't beat the phone company, you can't make a waiter see you until he's ready to see you, and you can't go home again.

- Bryson, Bill

An empty house is like a stray dog or a body from which life has departed.

- Butler, Samuel

The place is very well and quiet and the children only scream in a low voice.

- Byron, Lord

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.

- Campion, Thomas

You are a king by your own fireside, as much as any monarch in his throne.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

A man's home is his wife's castle.

- Chase, Alexander

The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail -- its roof may shake -- the wind may blow through it -- the storm may enter -- the rain may enter -- but the King of England cannot enter! -- all his forces dare not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement!

- Chatham, William Pitt The Elder, Lord

Home -- that blessed word, which opens to the human heart the most perfect glimpse of Heaven, and helps to carry it thither, as on an angel's wings.

- Child, Lydia M.

We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us.

- Churchill, Winston

There is no place more delightful than one's own fireplace.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

In the matter of furnishing, I find a certain absence of ugliness far worse than ugliness.

- Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle

Going home must be like going to render an account.

- Conrad, Joseph

A house is a machine for living in.

- Corbusier, Le

Nothing annoys a woman more than to have company drop in unexpectedly and find the house looking as it usually does.

- Dane, Frank

Home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to, in the strongest conjuration.

- Dickens, Charles

Drab Habitation of Whom? Tabernacle or Tomb -- or Dome of Worm -- or Porch of Gnome
-- or some Elf's Catacomb?

- Dickinson, Emily

Where thou art, that is home.

- Dickinson, Emily

Many a man who thinks to found a home discovers that he has merely opened a tavern
for his friends.

- Douglas, Norman

The house a woman creates is a Utopia. She can't help it -- can't help trying to interest her
nearest and dearest not in happiness itself but in the search for it.

- Duras, Marguerite

A house means a family house, a place specially meant for putting children and men in so
as to restrict their waywardness and distract them from the longing for adventure and
escape they've had since time began.

- Duras, Marguerite

Housework is what a woman does that nobody notices unless she hasn't done it.

- Esar, Evan

There is no sanctuary of virtue like home.

- Everett, Edward

Construed as turf, home just seems a provisional claim, a designation you make upon a place, not one it makes on you. A certain set of buildings, a glimpsed, smudged window-view across a schoolyard, a musty aroma sniffed behind a garage when you were a child, all of which come crowding in upon your latter-day senses -- those are pungent things and vivid, even consoling. But to me they are also inert and nostalgic and unlikely to connect you to the real, to that essence art can sometimes achieve, which is permanence.

- Ford, Richard

Home is the place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in.

- Frost, Robert

Estate agents. You can't live with them, you can't live with them. The first sign of these nasty purulent sores appeared round about 1894. With their jangling keys, nasty suits, revolting beards, moustaches and tinted spectacles, estate agents roam the land causing perturbation and despair. If you try and kill them, you're put in prison: if you try and talk to them, you vomit. There's only one thing worse than an estate agent but at least that can be safely lanced, drained and surgically dressed. Estate agents. Love them or loathe them, you'd be mad not to loathe them.

- Fry, Stephen

He is the happiest, be he king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Be he a king or a peasant, he is happiest who finds peace at home.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

One never reaches home, but wherever friendly paths intersect the whole world looks like home for a time.

- Hesse, Hermann

The worst feeling in the world is the homesickness that comes over a man occasionally when he is at home.

- Howe, Edgar Watson

The fellow that owns his own home is always just coming out of a hardware store.

- Hubbard, Kin

I want a house that has got over all its troubles; I don't want to spend the rest of my life bringing up a young and inexperienced house.

- Jerome, Jerome K.

Woman, the more careful she is about her face, the more careless about her house.

- Johnson, Ben

It is, indeed, at home that every man must be known by those who would make a just estimate either of his virtue or felicity; for smiles and embroidery are alike occasional, and the mind is often dressed for show in painted honor, and fictitious benevolence.

- Johnson, Samuel

No money is better spent than what is laid out for domestic satisfaction.

- Johnson, Samuel

The examples of vice at home corrupt us more quickly and easily than others, since they steal into our minds under the highest authority.

- Juvenal, (Decimus Junius Juvenalis)

Owning your own home is America's unique recipe for avoiding revolution and promoting pseudo-equality at the same time. To keep citizens puttering in their yards instead of sputtering on the barricades, the government has gladly deprived itself of billions in tax revenues by letting home owners deduct mortgage interest payments.

- King, Florence

One returns to the place one came from.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

The worst thing about work in the house or home is that whatever you do is destroyed, laid waste or eaten within twenty four hours.

- Lady Kasluck

Were I Diogenes, I would not move out of a kilderkin into a hogshead, though the first had had nothing but small beer in it, and the second reeked claret.

- Lamb, Charles

I live in my house as I live inside my skin: I know more beautiful, more ample, more sturdy and more picturesque skins: but it would seem to me unnatural to exchange them for mine.

- Levi, Primo

A man's home may seem to be his castle on the outside; inside, it is more often his nursery.

- Luce, Clare Boothe

What the Nation must realize is that the home, when both parents work, is non-existent. Once we have honestly faced that fact, we must act accordingly.

- Meyer, Agnes

Our country is where ever we are well off.

- Milton, John

My home...It is my retreat and resting place from wars, I try to keep this corner as a haven against the tempest outside, as I do another corner in my soul.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

Home, the spot of earth supremely blest, A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest.

- Montgomery, Robert

The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest.

- Moore, Thomas

Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful.

- Morris, William

If you want a golden rule that will fit everything, this is it: Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful.

- Morris, William

Home interprets heaven. Home is heaven for beginners.

- Parkhurst, Charles H.

Home is where the heart is.

- Pliny The Elder

Home is the most popular, and will be the most enduring of all earthly establishments.

- Pollock, Channing

You can't appreciate home till you've left it, money till it's spent, your wife till she's joined a woman's club, nor Old Glory till you see it hanging on a broomstick on the shanty of a consul in a foreign town.

- Porter, O. Henry

A hundred men may make an encampment, but it takes a woman to make a home.

- Proverb, Chinese

He makes his home where the living is best.

- Proverb, Latin

It matters less to a person where they are born than where they can live.

- Proverb, Turkish

Home is any four walls that enclose the right person.

- Rowland, Helen

If men lived like men indeed, their houses would be temples -- temples which we should hardly dare to injure, and in which it would make us holy to be permitted to live; and there must be a strange dissolution of natural affection, a strange unthankfulness for all that homes have given and parents taught, a strange consciousness that we have been unfaithful to our fathers honor, or that our own lives are not such as would make our dwellings sacred to our children, when each man would fain build to himself, and build for the little revolution of his own life only.

- Ruskin, John

There is room in the smallest cottage for a happy loving pair.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

People usually are the happiest at home.

- Shakespeare, William

A comfortable house is a great source of happiness. It ranks immediately after health and a good conscience.

- Smith, Sydney

Home is a place not only of strong affections, but of entire unreserved; it is life's undress rehearsal, its backroom, its dressing room, from which we go forth to more careful and guarded intercourse, leaving behind us much debris of cast-off and everyday clothing.

- Stowe, Harriet Beecher

Home is where there's one to love us.

- Swain, Charles

Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country.

- Thatcher, Margaret

We should come home from adventures, and perils, and discoveries every day with new experience and character.

- Thoreau, Henry David

I had three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Should not every apartment in which man dwells be lofty enough to create some obscurity overhead, where flickering shadows may play at evening about the rafters?

- Thoreau, Henry David

One may make their house a palace of sham, or they can make it a home, a refuge.

- Twain, Mark

Home is the place where we are treated the best, but grumble the most.

- Unknown, Source

When I can no longer bear to think of the victims of broken homes, I begin to think of the victims of intact ones.

- Vries, Peter De

I have been photographing our toilet, that glossy enameled receptacle of extraordinary beauty. Here was every sensuous curve of the human figure divine but minus the imperfections. Never did the Greeks reach a more significant consummation to their culture, and it somehow reminded me, in the glory of its chaste convulsions and in its swelling, sweeping, forward movement of finely progressing contours, of the Victory of Samothrace.

- Weston, Edward

It is the personality of the mistress that the home expresses. Men are forever guests in our homes, no matter how much happiness they may find there.

- Wolfe, Elsie De



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