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Quotes about Swearing

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Take not God's name in vain; select a time when it will have effect.

- Bierce, Ambrose

'Twas but my tongue, 'twas not my soul that swore.

- Euripides

Grant me some wild expressions, Heavens, or I shall burst.

- Farquhar, George

Ethelberta breathed a sort of exclamation, not right out, but stealthily, like a parson's damn.

- Hardy, Thomas

I've tried to reduce profanity but I reduced so much profanity when writing the book that I'm afraid not much could come out. Perhaps we will have to consider it simply as a profane book and hope that the next book will be less profane or perhaps more sacred.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Oaths are the fossils of piety.

- Santayana, George

A whoreson jackanapes must take me up for swearing; as if I borrowed mine oaths of him and might not spend them at my pleasure. When a gentleman is disposed to swear, it is not for any standers-by to curtail his oaths, ha?

- Shakespeare, William

It comes to pass oft that a terrible oath, with a swaggering accent sharply twanged off, gives manhood more approbation than ever proof itself would have earned him.

- Shakespeare, William

Ay, ay, the best terms will grow obsolete: damns have had their day.

- Sheridan, Richard Brinsley

A footman may swear; but he cannot swear like a lord. He can swear as often: but can he swear with equal delicacy, propriety, and judgment?

- Swift, Jonathan



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