



All That Glisters ... And Other Quotations You Should Know

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Description

Quotations – or snippets from them – are commonly used in everyday speech, most often without the speaker knowing where they came from. From words of comfort to advice for the lovelorn, you can bet that someone, somewhere has come up with phraseology that perfectly sums up whatever situation you find yourself in – and put it more succinctly than you could ever dream of.

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Part of the pleasure of this book is to reveal the provenance of the well-worn quote (or misquote) – *my cup runneth over, ay, there's the rub, to err is human, the spice of life* – but also to introduce some less familiar ones. Most of the quotations included are from classic sources – from the Bible, the works of Shakespeare, other poets, classical authors, Dickens (*God bless us everyone, waiting for something to turn up, very humble*), Charlotte Bronte (*Reader, I married him*) and George Bernard Shaw (who didn't actually say *Youth is wasted on the young*, but may have said something like it. Somewhere. No one seems to know for sure).

This entertaining and informed – but not too serious – take on the wit and wisdom of the last 2000 years is ideal for modern readers who like their knowledge in tweet-sized chunks.

Sales Points

- Featuring many famous quotations, their uses and origins as well as misquotes and misattributions
- Explodes myths about who said what, where and when, and how some true meanings have been lost or misinterpreted over time
- Entertaining and informative, the quotations within will help spice up the dreariest conversations
- By the author of *My Grammar and I* (over 166,000 copies sold) and *500 Words You Should Know* (over 84,000 copies sold)

Author Biography

Caroline Taggart worked in publishing as an editor of popular non-fiction for thirty years before being asked by Michael O'Mara Books to write *I Used to Know That*, which became a *Sunday Times* bestseller. Following that she was co-author of *My Grammar and I* (or *should that be 'Me'?*), and wrote a number of other books about words and English usage. She has appeared frequently on television and on national and regional radio, talking about language, grammar and whether or not Druids Cross should have an apostrophe.

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