

Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting By Rob Kaplan I will say I liked how the editors organized and arranged the quotes (by thematic chapters) and also appreciated how selected quotes also prompted the reader to see other quotes on subsequent and previous pages. If you are a book lover.

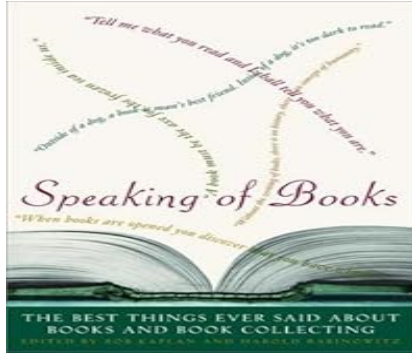
What really knocks me out is a book that when you're all done reading it you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours. All the glory of the world would be buried in oblivion unless God had provided mortals with the remedy of books wrote Richard de Bury in *The Philobiblon* (*The Love of Books*) which was completed in 1345 more than a hundred years before Gutenberg printed his first Bible. *Speaking of Books* contains hundreds of the best of those expressions -- entertaining and thought-provoking quotations about the reading and enjoyment of -- not to mention obsession with -- books. The collection includes examples of bibliophilia that range across the centuries and around the globe from ancient Chinese proverbs to Elizabeth Barrett Browning from the Bible to Woody Allen from Jane Austen to Mark Twain and from William Shakespeare to J. Filled with insight wisdom and humor *Speaking of Books* will be read with pleasure by everyone who believes as Thomas Carlyle did that of the things which man can do or make here below by far the most momentous wonderful and worthy are the things called books. -- Anna Quindlen *Enough Bookshelves* *New York Times* August 7 1991 It was books that taught me that the things that torment me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive or who had ever been alive. -- James Baldwin in the *New York Times* January 1 1964 Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore! -- Henry Ward Beecher *Star Papers*; or *Experiences of Art and Nature* (1855) What refuge is there for the victim who is oppressed with the feeling that there are a thousand new books he ought to read while life is only long enough for him to attempt to read a hundred? -- Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. -- Woody Allen in a letter by Phyllis Mindell to the *New York Times* September 3 1995 You may perhaps be brought to acknowledge that it is very well worthwhile to be tormented for two or three years of one's life for the sake of being able to read all the rest of it. -- Holbrook Jackson *The Anatomy of Bibliomania* (1930) *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting* A fun & thoughtful read for bibliophiles! *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting* I enjoyed this. *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting* This book is billed as a companion volume to the more comprehensive *Passion for Books* while others came along with more exact bibliographic information including when and where the quote was uttered. I probably should blame myself for buying this book without looking at it more carefully and I guess it was worth reading as I did get a couple leads from it in terms of articles to find and read in their entirety. *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting* - although somewhat repetitive and even predictable the 700 plus quotations/observations on the subjects of books and book-collecting represented here were a pleasure to read *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting*.

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Which is compilation of essays on book love and collecting. This book is actually a compilation of aphorisms on book love and collecting, Many of the selected quotations are taken from longer essays that appear in *A Passion for Books*. Those that are new are interesting enough (though tread on familiar territory). However this indexing was incomplete and seemed to be done at the whim of the editor rather than with any type of thoroughness or accuracy: It was also the case that many of the quotes were merely attributed to an author.

I would suggest Bartlett's Quotations before this volume, *Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting* This book of quotes was just amazing, It has made me aware of about 25 books I need to read badly that I have never heard of before, Many of the books that I am speaking of were published in the 1800's and early 1900's: Thanks to the internet those books

are still available to read. I liked the intro that is written in each chapter before they get into the quotes. That good! Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting



Wonderful quotes for book lovers, Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting The sort of thing you can thumb through. the lesson that nothing is so depressing as to spend one's life doing something in which one is not interested: Most of us would rather be making a competence out of books than a fortune out of soap, Geoffrey FaberThe weapon of the dictator is not so much propaganda as censorship: Qualter Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting A very enjoyable collection of quotes about books and reading, The editors did try to represent a broad range of topics related to reading, I found myself jotting a few good quotes in my personal journal, Salinger The Catcher in the Rye (1951) I would rather be a poor man in a garret with plenty of books than a king who did not love reading: Macaulay Life (1876) The love of books and the desire to speak and write of that love are as old as books themselves: And in every generation since de Bury's there have been new voices expressing the pleasures they take in books and reading: I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves: Over the Teacups (1891) I took a speed-reading course where you run your finger down the middle of the page and was able to read War and Peace in twenty minutes, -- Jane Austen Northanger Abbey (1818) Book-love I say again lasts throughout life it never flags or fails but like beauty itself is a joy for ever. And this book full of quotes that have to do with books and reading was enjoyable to me. Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting I did not think that I would enjoy this book but I really did, It is 20 chapters that talk about everything about books: Bibliomania What books DO-and Don't Do For Us Lending and Borrowing books and Enemies of Books to name a few. In each chapter there are quotes/passages on the topic of the chapter. from the earliest book readers/writers/critics in the 1300's to the present. Most of today's books have an air of having been written in one day from books read the night before Sebastian=Roch=Nichilas Chamfort 1796. Again there didn't seem to be rhyme or reason here as many of the quotes with mere authors might have been filled in with a bit of research. But if you are looking to read aphorisms but honestly it seems like nothing before 1995 or so. Where are quotes from some of the well-known authors like Stephen King? James Patterson? It's primarily classic authors or those that are considered literary. Some favorites:The books that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame, Oscar WildeThe library is the temple of learning and learning has liberated more people than all the ways in history, Carl RowanOne of the greatest gifts adults can give - to their offspring and to their society - is to read to children, Carl SaganWhen we are collecting books you will want to buy this book: Speaking of Books: The Best Things Ever Said About Books and Book Collecting A lovely compilation that expanded my to read book list.I am sure I will reread this book later. Some great quotes.

We are collecting happiness. Vincent StarrettI learned. Terence H. -- J. D. -- Thomas B. In fact they are even older than printed books. D. Salinger. It's about Russia. I did not sit down and read it straight through. I took my time plucking away at it. I enjoy reading quotes from others. It's all about books and book collecting.No two people read the same book Edmund Wilson 1971. Definitely a book to savor and take your time with it