The Wicked Wit of Oscar Wilde
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No playwright apart from Shakespeare is as widely quoted and Oscar Wilde's needle-sharp rejoinders are often repeated with delight. However, his jibes were rarely cruel, and displayed a profound understanding of the human character and its vanities.

Includes such notable quotes as:

'Work is the curse of the drinking classes.'

'All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That’s his.' The Importance of Being Earnest

'We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.' Lady Windermere's Fan

With a timeline of his life and quotations divided by themes, this book demonstrates why, more than a hundred years after his death, people are still drawn to Wilde’s dazzling repartee and the wicked brilliance of his social observations.

Sales Points
• Features hundreds of Oscar Wilde’s finest razor-sharp and superbly crafted witticisms and aphorisms
• An accessible and elegant collection, with quotations gathered according to themes
• A new-look paperback edition of the popular hardback (over 36,000 copies sold)
• From the publishers of The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill (over 350,000 copies sold to date)

Reviews
• 'An elegant collection of Wilde's finest witticisms ... features hundreds of acerbic and razor-sharp quotations from the iconic writer, gathered according to themes' - Irish World
• 'Marvel at Wilde's finest witticisms, aphorisms, paradoxes and ironic remarks in this accessible and elegantly organized collection' - Mature Times

Author Biography
Maria Leach has compiled and edited books on a wide range of subjects, including The Wicked Wit of Insults for Michael O’Mara Books.
Oscar Wilde, who was famous for his wit, once advised: "Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much." On October 16, 1854, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde was born in Dublin, Ireland. He would go on to become one of the world's most prolific writers, dabbling in everything from plays and poetry to essays and fiction. Whatever the medium, his wit shone through. 1. On God. "I think that God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability." The Wit & Wisdom of Oscar Wilde: A Treasury of Quotations, Anecdotes, and Repartee. Oscar Wilde. 5.0 out of 5 stars 2. Hardcover. I have always enjoyed the wit of Oscar Wilde so, it is nice to have his most delightfully witty quotes all in one little, handy book. Read more. 2 people found this helpful. Wilde Oscar. A comprehensive selection of his quips, aphorisms, and wit. One of the most well known personalities of his day, Oscar Wilde charmed and beguiled readers and audiences with his eloquent and biting observations, his smart quips, and the witticisms peppering his own speech and the speech of his characters. The Wisdom of Oscar Wilde collects both his best-loved quotes and longer excerpts, revealing a man wise to human nature and his times See more of The Wit of Oscar Wilde on Facebook. Log In, or. Create New Account. See more of The Wit of Oscar Wilde on Facebook. Log In. Forgot account? The Oscar Wilde Society. Community Organization. Tweetard.