

Tea Quotes

“You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me.”

— C.S. Lewis

“Tea should be taken in solitude.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life*

“Rainy days should be spent at home with a cup of tea and a good book.”

— Bill Watterson, *The Calvin and Hobbes Tenth Anniversary Book*

“There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea.”

— Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady*

“If you are cold, tea will warm you;

if you are too heated, it will cool you;

If you are depressed, it will cheer you;

If you are excited, it will calm you.”

— William Ewart Gladstone

“As far as her mom was concerned, tea fixed everything. Have a cold? Have some tea. Broken bones? There's a tea for that too. Somewhere in her mother's pantry, Laurel suspected, was a box of tea that said, 'In case of Armageddon, steep three to five minutes'.”

— Aprilynne Pike, *Illusions*

“There is something in the nature of tea that leads us into a world of quiet contemplation of life.”

— Lin Yutang, *The Importance of Living*

“Tea is the magic key to the vault where my brain is kept.”

— Frances Hardinge

“Some people will tell you there is a great deal of poetry and fine sentiment in a chest of tea.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson, Letters and Social Aims

“While there is tea, there is hope.”

— Arthur Wing Pinero, Sweet Lavender - A Comedy in Three Acts.

“But indeed I would rather have nothing but tea.”

— Jane Austen, Mansfield Park

“Tea! Bless ordinary everyday afternoon tea!”

— Agatha Christie

“The proper, wise balancing of one's whole life may depend upon the feasibility of a cup of tea at an unusual hour.”

— Arnold Bennett, How to Live on 24 Hours a Day

“Sir, I did not count your glasses of wine, why should you number up my cups of tea?”

— Samuel Johnson, The Life of Samuel Johnson, Vol 2

“While her lips talked culture, her heart was planning to invite him to tea”

— E.M. Forster, Howards End

“When the girl returned, some hours later, she carried a tray, with a cup of fragrant tea steaming on it; and a plate piled up with very hot buttered toast, cut thick, very brown on both sides, with the butter running through the holes in great golden drops, like honey from the honeycomb. The smell of that buttered toast simply talked to Toad, and with no uncertain voice; talked of warm kitchens, of

breakfasts on bright frosty mornings, of cosy parlour firesides on winter evenings, when one's ramble was over and slippered feet were propped on the fender, of the purring of contented cats, and the twitter of sleepy canaries."

— Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

"After a cup of tea (two spoonsful for each cup, and don't let it stand more than three minutes,) it says to the brain, "Now, rise, and show your strength. Be eloquent, and deep, and tender; see, with a clear eye, into Nature and into life; spread your white wings of quivering thought, and soar, a god-like spirit, over the whirling world beneath you, up through long lanes of flaming stars to the gates of eternity!"

— Jerome K. Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat*

"I am so fond of tea that I could write a whole dissertation on its virtues. It comforts and enlivens without the risks attendant on spirituous liquors. Gentle herb! Let the florid grape yield to thee. Thy soft influence is a more safe inspirer of social joy."

— James Boswell, *London Journal, 1762-1763*

"a hardened and shameless tea-drinker, who has, for twenty years, diluted his meals with only the infusion of this fascinating plant; whose kettle has scarcely time to cool; who with tea amuses the evening, with tea solaces the midnight, and, with tea, welcomes the morning."

— Samuel Johnson

"When the tea is brought at five o'clock
And all the neat curtains are drawn with care,
The little black cat with bright green eyes
Is suddenly purring there."

— Harold Monro, *Collected Poems*

"My dear if you could give me a cup of tea to clear my muddle of a head I should better understand your affairs."

— Charles Dickens, *Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy*

“A great idea should always be left to steep like loose tea leaves in a teapot for a while to make sure that the tea will be strong enough and that the idea truly is a great one.”

— Phoebe Stone, *The Romeo And Juliet Code*

“Peter was not very well during the evening. His mother put him to bed, and made some chamomile tea: "One table-spoonful to be taken at bedtime.”

— Beatrix Potter, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*

“I can just imagine myself sitting down at the head of the table and pouring out the tea," said Anne, shutting her eyes ecstatically. "And asking Diana if she takes sugar! I know she doesn't but of course I'll ask her just as if I didn't know.”

— L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*

“Nowadays, people resort to all kinds of activities in order to calm themselves after a stressful event: performing yoga poses in a sauna, leaping off bridges while tied to a bungee, killing imaginary zombies with imaginary weapons, and so forth. But in Miss Penelope Lumley's day, it was universally understood that there is nothing like a nice cup of tea to settle one's nerves in the aftermath of an adventure- a practice many would find well worth reviving.”

— Maryrose Wood, *The Hidden Gallery*

“There was a teapot, in which Mma Ramotswe -- the only lady private detective in Botswana -- brewed tea. And three mugs -- one for herself, one for her secretary, and one for the client. What else does a detective agency really need?”

— Alexander McCall Smith, *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*

“Afterwards, they always had tea in the kitchen, much the nicest room in the house.”

— Flora Thompson

“Stands the Church clock at ten to three?

And is there honey still for tea?”

— Rupert Brooke, *The Old Vicarage, Grantchester*

“Drinking tea with a pinch of imagination!”

“I was learning, even in my brief time in England, that a cup of tea almost always helped. I didn't know whether it was the caffeine, the warmth, or the simple fact of having someone else do something kind, but a soothing cup of tea in Harriet Dalrymple's cottage was fast becoming my lifeline to sanity.”

— Beth Pattillo

“Tea's proper use is to amuse the idle, and relax the studious, and dilute the full meals of those who cannot use exercise and will not use abstinence.”

(Essay on Tea, 1757.)”

— Samuel Johnson, Works of Samuel Johnson

“A man who wishes to make his way in life could do no better than go through the world with a boiling tea-kettle in his hand.”

— Sydney Smith, A memoir of the Rev. Sydney Smith

the teacup hours are the family hours.

“The privileges of the side-table included the small prerogatives of sitting next to the toast, and taking two cups of tea to other people's one.”

— Charles Dickens, Martin Chuzzlewit

“Afternoon tea should be provided, fresh supplies, with thin bread-and-butter, fancy pastries, cakes, etc., being brought in as other guests arrive.”

— Isabella Beeton, Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management

“Presently, out from the wrappings came a teapot, which caused her to clasp her hands with delight, for it was made in the likeness of a plump little Chinaman ... Two pretty cups with covers, and a fine scarlet tray, completed the set, and made one long to have a "dish of tea," even in Chinese style, without cream or sugar.”

— Louisa May Alcott, Eight Cousins

“In a few minutes tea was brought. Very delicate was the china, very old the plate, very thin the bread-and-butter, and very small the lumps of sugar. Sugar was evidently Mrs. Jamieson's favourite economy.”

— Elizabeth Gaskell, *Cranford*

“You can serve high tea around the dining room table, but afternoon tea is more of a living room occasion, with everything brought in on a tray or a cart.”

— Angela Hynes, *The Pleasures of Afternoon Tea*

“He brewed his tea in a blue china pot, poured it into a chipped white cup with forget-me-nots on the handle, and dropped in a dollop of honey and cream. He sat by the window, cup in hand, watching the first snow fall. “I am,” he sighed deeply, “contented as a clam. I am a most happy man.”

— Ethel Pochocki, *Wildflower Tea*

“She made tea in a teapot and couldn’t help sniffing at the idea of tea bags. I told her tea bags were just a convenience for people with busy lives and she said no one is so busy they can’t take time to make a decent cup of tea

and if you are that busy you don’t deserve a decent cup of tea for what is it all about anyway? Are we put into this world to be busy or to chat over a nice cup of tea?”

— Frank McCourt, *'Tis A Memoir*

“Tea is slow. In growing. In drinking. In enjoying. It makes sense. Good things take time.”

— Lu Ann Pannunzio, *Tea-spiration: Inspirational Words for Tea Lovers*

“If life is a cup of tea, gratitude is the honey that makes it sweet.”

— Natasha Potter

“A good conversation starts with a cup of tea.”

“Coffee—a barbaric drink. That poor, tortured bean. All that fermenting and husking and roasting and grinding. And what is tea? Tea is dried leaves rehydrated. Just add water, Mrs. Strickland. All living things need water.”

— Guillermo del Toro, *The Shape of Water*

“Knowing no better, they are content to drop a bag of poorest quality blended tea into a mug, scald it with boiling water, and then dilute any remaining flavour by adding fridge-cold milk. Once again, for some reason, it is I who am considered strange. But if you’re going to drink a cup of tea, why not take every care to maximize the pleasure?”

— Gail Honeyman, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*

“No one is so busy they can't take time to make a decent cup of tea and if you are that busy you don't deserve a decent cup of tea for what is it all about anyway? Are we put in this world to be busy or to chat over a nice cup of tea?”

— Frank McCourt, *'Tis A Memoir*

“If there’s any thing more important than tea, we must put together an expedition and hunt it down posthaste.”

— E. Latimer, *The Strange And Deadly Portraits Of Bryony Gray*

“When people come to me upset and in need of advice the first thing I always suggest is to brew a nice cuppa tea. Not because this is easy advice to give, neither for lack of compassion nor understanding, but simply because I've not encountered a circumstance where tea was rendered futile. There's something concealed in the nature of tea that will consort you to a calm contemplation, a sense of purity and harmony, it lets you find your way through life's sordid deeds, and regain a sense of tranquility, console enmity, and admire the beauty around you.

I love my close friends and family so dearly that the first thing I wish upon them in a time of desperation is a nice cup of tea. So to my dearest friends, you're always invited; you, me and a cup of tea?”

— Georgia Barrett

“Tea drinking is a liturgy of comfort, and we partake of it everywhere in the world. It’s a ceremony of simplicity, nourishment for both the nomads in foreign teahouses and homebodies in their beds.”

— Tsh Oxenreider, *At Home in the World: Reflections on Belonging While Wandering the Globe*

“All true tea lovers not only like their tea strong, but like it a little stronger with each year that passes — a fact which is recognized in the extra ration issued to old-age pensioners.”

— George Orwell, A Nice Cup Of Tea

“There's something hypnotic about the word tea.”

— Dorothy L. Sayers, Gaudy Night

“Some days 'staying put' might feel the same as Going Nowhere.

Make a cup of tea, and wait for that feeling to pass.”

— Vivian Swift, When Wanderers Cease to Roam: A Traveler's Journal of Staying Put

“I must drink lots of tea or I cannot work. Tea unleashes the potential which slumbers in the depth of my soul.”

— Leo Tolstoy

“Home is where the tea is.”

— Js Devivre, The Tea Traveller's Constant Companion: Oregon

“When the going gets tough, the tough go to tea.”

— Js Devivre, The Tea Traveller's Constant Companion: Oregon

“I like tea so much that I'm considering changing my name to Bergamot so that I can exist in a perpetual state of Earl Grey contentment.”

— Fennel Hudson, A Meaningful Life - Fennel's Journal - No. 1

“But I refused to mope about for the evening. My little ritual with teacup, familiar chair, and a favorite Dickens story went a long way toward improving my outlook.”

— Janette Oke, When Calls the Heart

"It is not a cold day, but she looks warmed by the tea. Tea has that effect on people. I love watching it bring comfort."

— Hannah Tunnicliffe, *The Color of Tea*

"Coffee and chocolate are certainly wonderful, but they must forever carry tea's silken train, ever the bridesmaids and never the bride."

— Paul Kortepeter, *Tea with Victoria Rose*

"Should trouble come, in the dark of night, be it fire or war or black plague, save my children, then my wife, then my tea chest and kettle. With these I can live, quite contentedly. I need nothing else on my estates."

— Bernard-Paul Heroux

"Iced tea! Nothing is half so refreshing as a glass of black tea piled high with ice! More than a quencher of thirst, it is a tamer of tempers, a lifter of lethargy, and a brightener of smiles. It is a taste of Winter's chill, magically trapped in midsummer's glass."

— Paul Kortepeter, *Tea with Victoria Rose*

"Astonishing how tea opens the ears."

— Michelle Franklin

"You'll never find a cup of tea big enough or a book long enough to suit me."

— Winston Churchill

"Ecstasy is a glass full of tea and a piece of sugar in the mouth."

— Alexander Pushkin [From: *19 Lessons On Tea*]"

"The art of tea, whichever way you drink it, or whichever country you are from, has one underlining thread for all of us. It is the cultivation of yourself as you follow the ceremony of preparing your tea, the way in which you make your tea, how and where you drink it, and with whom. Making a cup of tea creates a space for just being."

— Nicola Salter

“Come and share a pot of tea, my home is warm and my friendship’s free.”

— Emilie Barnes

“He loved happiness like I love tea.”

— Eudora Welty, *The Ponder Heart*

“Stands the clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?”

— Rupert Brooke, *The Old Vicarage, Grantchester*

“Pour, varlet, pour the water

The water steaming hot! A spoonful for each man of us

Another for the pot!”

— Thomas Babington Macaulay

It's better to be deprived of food for three days than tea for one.”

“Imagine a delicious glass of summer iced tea. Take a long cool sip. Listen to the ice crackle and clink.

Is the glass part full or part empty? Take another sip. And now?”

— Vera Nazarian, *The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration*

“..She had that brand of pragmatism that would find her the first brewing tea after Armageddon.”

— Clive Barker, *Weaveworld*

Happiness is warming your hands with a hot cup of tea.

Tea is to the body as waves lapping against a sandy beach is to the soul.

Tea. Fifteen hundred varieties and one universal truth: we sit, we sip, and it soothes.

The tea is calling, I must go.

Drinking a daily cup of tea will surely starve the apothecary.”

– Ancient Chinese proverb

Would you like an adventure now, or shall we have our tea first?

- Peter Pan

Tea = a hug in a cup.

Life is like tea – it’s all in how you make it.

Tea is a gateway drug to biscuits!

Come, let us have some tea and chat about happy things.

Calm as a cup of tea...

Life is like a cup of tea – to be filled to the brim and enjoyed with a group of friends.

Fill the kettle and turn on the heat. Find a favorite cup. Pour the boiling water over the leaves, and inhale the scent. Watch the amber darken as your hands warm and snuggle into a comfy spot.

Let’s just all get ooo-long.

You, me and a cup of tea.

It’s a Brew-Tea-ful day!

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Once upon a time there was a cup of hot tea, a good book and a piece of chocolate. They lived happily ever after.

Tea. A drink which relieves thirst and dissipates sorrow.

Everything has a beginning. I believe I will begin with tea...

I'm a little teapot, short and stout. Here is my handle, here is my spout. When I get all steamed up hear me shout: tip me over and pour me out!

Let each and all then grateful be – and hale a welcome guest in tea.

- Samuel Pepys

When the world is at odds
And the mind is at sea
Then cease the useless tedium
And brew a cup of tea

There's magic in its fragrance
There's solace in its taste
And the laden moments vanish
Somehow into space.

The world becomes a lovely thing
There's beauty as you'll see
All because you briefly stopped
To brew – and drink – a cup of tea.

Leave me be – I'm drinking my tea...

A teapot shared is a problem halved.

Each cup of tea represents an imaginary voyage.