Christmas Quiz 1 : Quotations

Set by Mr Blackhead

Who are the following quotations by? All are quotations (from fiction, non-fiction, conversation, interviews, articles, etc.) by friends or acquaintances of Anthony Powell.

1. For casual reading … there is nothing to touch a back number of the Girl’s Own Paper.
2. I was born a mouthbreather with a silver spoon in 1905, three years after one war and nine before another, too late for both.
3. Various incidents enlivened the days. There was the shock of discovering that chota hasri, which I had always believed to be a form of suicide, in fact denoted early morning tea.
4. She was far too engrossed in Perdita’s Jackie Collins … round which she’d wrapped the dust jacket of Hilary Spurling’s biography of Ivy Compton-Burnett.
5. The resulting style, known as Bankers Georgian, always preserves something of the air of a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production of The School for Scandal.
6. … his nicotine eggyellow weeping walrus moustache worn thick and long in memory of Dr Crippen.
7. I’m a man more dined against than dining.
8. No writer before the middle of the 19th century wrote about the working classes other than as grotesques or as pastoral decorations. Then when they were given the vote certain writers started to suck up to them.
9. [Of Harold Macmillan] His decomposing visage and somehow seedy attire conveyed the impression of an ageing and eccentric clergyman who had been induced to play the part of the Prime Minister in the dramatised version of a Snow novel put on by a village amateur dramatic society.
10. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising.
11. My smile falls heavily among the bric-à-brac.
12. It was no wonder people were so horrible when they started life as children.
14. You can be in the Horse Guards and still be common, dear.
15. It does not matter that Dickens’ world is not life-like; it is alive.
16. No man … who has wrestled with a self-adjusting card table can ever quite be the man he once was.
17. My forbears were successful crooks living on the slopes of Mount Ararat.
18. I had very good dentures once. Some very magnificent gold work. It’s the only form of jewellery a man can wear that women fully appreciate. Dear things, they like to put their lips on gold.
19. In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o’clock in the morning.
20. I wouldn’t mind seeing China if I could come back the same day.
21. Nothing is more pleasurable than to sit in the shade, sip gin and contemplate other people’s adulteries, and while the wormy apple of marriage still lives, the novel will not die.

22. I’m the kind of writer that people think other people are reading.

23. [Of André Gide] He had the general look of an elderly fallen angel travelling incognito.

24. Water inflated the belly Of Hart Crane, and of Shelley. Coleridge was a dope. Southwell died on a rope.

25. Civilization is hideously fragile [and] there’s not much between us and the horrors underneath, just about a coat of varnish.

26. A travel book, in its purest, is addressed to those who do not plan to follow the traveller at all, but who require the exotic or comic anomalies, wonders and scandals of the literary form romance which their own place or time cannot entirely supply.

27. “Only beware of Fitzrovia,” Tambi said ... “It's a dangerous place, you must be careful.” “Fights with knives?” “No, a worse danger. You might get Sohoitis you know.”

28. Mocked by hopeless longing to regain Bank-holidays, and picture shows, and spats, And going to the office in the train.

29. Long Island represents the American’s idea of what God would have done with nature if he’d had the money.

30. The trouble with a folk song is that once you have played it through there is nothing much to do except play it over again and play it rather louder.

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**Christmas Prize Competition**

For this year’s Christmas competition contestants first have to solve the crossword on the back page; having done so write a short story between 500 and 1000 words containing all the words in the crossword solution (no, not the words in the clues, the words in the grid!).

Maximum 2 entries per person.

The prize is a year’s gold membership of the Society.

Entries, with your name & address should be sent to:  
Christmas 2006 Competition  
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to arrive by 31 January 2007.

The winning entry will be the one which most amuses a cabal of Agent Isobel, Agent Tiger and Mr Blackhead.

The winner will be announced in the Spring 2007 Newsletter.

**Competition Conditions**

The judges’ decision is final and binding. Entry is open to Anthony Powell Society members and non-members. No purchase necessary. Entries must be original and the work of the person submitting them. Maximum two entries per person. No cash alternative. No correspondence will be entered into. The Anthony Powell Society reserves the right to publish the entries but otherwise copyright remains with the author.
Christmas Quiz 2 : Britain in World War II

It is 40 years since the publication of The Soldier’s Art so this year’s quiz is about WWII, mostly in Britain. Set by Agent Tiger.

1. Who was Prime Minister at the start of WWII?
2. What is the difference between L-85 and CC41?
3. Who was US President at the start of WWII?
4. Who were the Bevan Boys?
5. What are, or what would you do with, the following? Bengers. Camp. Rhinosole. Snowfire. DDD. Zixt.
6. Who invented the bouncing bomb?
7. During WWII which famous British crime novelist worked in the pharmacy of University College Hospital, London?
8. Some surprising things were not rationed in Britain during the war. Why?
9. On 20 August 1945 there was a national service of thanksgiving. Where was it held?
10. What popular song was first performed on radio in December 1941 although the recording was not released until 1942?
11. What was the difference between V1 and V2?
13. Which London theatre proudly claimed that it never closed during the war?
14. What started at 0100 hrs GMT on 4 May 1941?
15. What happened at Bletchley Park?
16. What happened to Charles Dickens on Christmas Day 1939?
17. Between 1938 and 1952 Britain made 20,351 of what?
18. The propaganda film In Which We Serve was written by which famous playwright and actor?
19. What happened on 7 December 1941?
20. Which British subject broadcast German propaganda to Britain?
21. Who was the British commander at the Second Battle of El Alamein?
22. What was not rationed in Britain during the war but was rationed afterwards?
23. What do these acronyms stand for? ARP. TTFN. ENSA. ITMA. WVS. SNAFU.
24. Who was Mr Chad?
25. Which novelist friend of AP’s took part in the withdrawal from Crete?
27. What well known film starring Greer Garson was derived from a morale boosting newspaper column?
28. What happened at Bethnal Green on 3 March 1943?
29. Which national daily newspaper was banned during the war?
30. For what is Sir John Anderson best remembered?
31. Who was British Press Attaché in Dublin between 1941 and 1943?
32. What happened at Manod quarry near Blaenau Ffestiniog?
33. Who were Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy? And what happened to them in 1942?
34. What was Colossus?
35. What went up from 1½d to 2½d on 1 May 1940?
36. Who was Prime Minister on VJ Day?
Christmas 2006 Crossword : Book Titles
Set by Agent Isobel

Across
8. The ____ and the Hearth (Charles Reade) (8)
9. The ____ of Dr Moreau (HG Wells) (6)
10. The Trumpet of the ____ (EB White) (4)
11. Tender is the ____ (F Scott Fitzgerald) (5)
12. You Can’t Do ____ (Kingsley Amis) (4)
13. The ____ ____ (Nicholas Monserrat) (5,3)
16. Lucia ____ (EF Benson) (6)
18. The Fisher ____ (Anthony Powell) (4)
20. The Thirty-Nine ____ (John Buchan) (5)
21. Biggles Makes Ends ____ (WE Johns) (4)
22. The History of Sandford and ____
   (Thomas Day) (6)
23. The Eustace ____ (Anthony Trollope) (8)
26. To ____ ____ Unknown (John Steinbeck)
   (1,3)
28. The ____ in the Stone (TH White) (5)
30. The Executioner’s ____ (Norman Mailer) (4)
31. Bessy’s Troubles ____ ____ (Elizabeth
   Gaskell) (2,4)
32. The Fifth ____ (Terry Pratchett) (8)

Down
1. The ____ Beneath the Foot (Ronald
   Firbank) (6)
2. The ____ , the Witch and the Wardrobe
   (CS Lewis) (4)
3. Dr Who and the ____ of Blood (Terrance
   Dicks) (6)
4. The ____ Prince (The Brothers Grimm) (4)
5. Moving ____ (Terry Pratchett) (8)
6. The Unpleasantness at the Bellona ____
   (Dorothy L Sayers) (4)
7. An ____ of the Fingerpost (Iain Pears) (8)
14. ____ Cousins (Louisa May Alcott) (5)
15. ____ ____ Man in Deptford (Anthony
   Burgess) (1,4)
17. The Story of Little Black ____ (Helen
   Bannerman) (5)
19. Around the World ____ ____ Days (Jules
   Verne) (2,6)
20. Bend ____ (Vladimir Nobokov) (8)
24. ____ Rose (Frank de Felitta) (6)
25. Blood on the ____ Room Floor (Gertrude
   Stein) (6)
27. Mary Poppins Opens the ____ (PL
   Travers) (4)
29. The Kindly ____ (Anthony Powell) (4)
30. Sunset Over ____ (Gladys Mitchell) (4)

The answers to both quizzes and the crossword
will be printed in the Spring Newsletter.