

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view—”

“Sir?”

“—until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”

- To Kill a Mockingbird

“He smiled understandingly—much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced—or seemed to face—the whole eternal world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor. It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you that, at your best, you hoped to convey.”

- The Great Gatsby

“If we are true to ourselves, we can not be false to anyone.”

- Hamlet

“A day wasted on others is not wasted on one's self.”

- Tale of Two Cities

“We have only one story. All novels, all poetry, are built on the neverending contest in ourselves of good and evil. And it occurs to me that evil must constantly respawn, while good, while virtue, is immortal. Vice has always a new fresh young face, while virtue is venerable as nothing else in the world is.”

- East of Eden

“We can't take any credit for our talents. It's how we use them that counts.”

- A Wrinkle In Time

“To love another person is to see the face of God.”

- Les Miserables

“Something that is loved is never lost.”

- Beloved

“Human suffering anywhere concerns men and women everywhere.”

- Night

