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What Authors Say About Writing Style

- "Style is the dress of thoughts; and let them be ever so just, if your style is homely, coarse, and vulgar, they will appear to as much disadvantage." —Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield
- "When we see a natural style, we are astonished and delighted; for we expected to see an author, and we find a man." —Blaise Pascal
- "The essence of a sound style is that it cannot be reduced to rules–that it is a living and breathing thing with something of the devilish in it–that it fits its proprietor tightly yet ever so loosely, as his skin fits him. It is, in fact, quite as seriously an integral part of him as that skin is… In brief, a style is always the outward and visible symbol of a man, and cannot be anything else." —H.L. Mencken
- "You do not create a style. You work, and develop yourself; your style is an emanation from your own being." —Katherine Anne Porter
- "Style is that which indicates how the writer takes himself and what he is saying. It is the mind skating circles around itself as it moves forward." —Robert Frost
- "Style is what unites memory or recollection, ideology, sentiment, nostalgia, presentiment, to the way we express all that. It's not what we say but how we say it that matters." —Federico Fellini
- "Proper words in proper places, make the true definition of style." —Jonathan Swift
- "The web, then, or the pattern, a web at once sensuous and logical, an elegant and pregnant texture: that is style." —Robert Louis Stevenson
- "Thought and speech are inseparable from each other. Matter and expression are parts of one; style is a thinking out into language." —Cardinal John Henry Newman
- "Find a subject you care about and which you in your heart feel others should care about. It is this genuine caring, not your games with language, which will be the most compelling and seductive element in your style." —Stephen King
- "It is only by writing, not dreaming about it, that we develop our own style." —P.D. James

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