

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

Among my loves are education, baseball and collecting quotes.



About 15 years ago, I saw a quote that resonated with me and I wrote it down. Then another quote and another were added to a Word document.

That document is now more than 20 pages long and includes quotes, proverbs and sayings.

A current favorite is "Those who say it can't be done should not interrupt those who are doing it."

If you type that into a search engine, it often will be attributed to George Bernard Shaw.

But in *The Quote Verifier*, author Ralph Keyes writes that Shaw "was so quotable that he got, and gets, credit for far more than his share of quotable quotes."

"If you can't change your fate, change your attitude."
Amy Tan, author

An advantage of "collecting" quotes is that it's free. A disadvantage is that the prevalence of social media outlets makes quote attribution questionable.

There's even a Web site, quote-investigator.com, run by Garson O'Toole who, according to his site, "diligently seeks the truth about quotations."

Regardless of who "said" the quote, I find myself drawn to quotes about education.

One favorite is "Children need models rather than critics," attributed to French philosopher Joseph Joubert.

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."
Indira Gandhi,
former prime minister of India

Another is "Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one," attributed to publisher Malcom Forbes.

And because I love baseball, I like that I've collected some quotes by baseball players that have nothing to do with the game, such as "You don't have to win to be a winner," attributed to Duke Snyder, and "Age is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter," attributed to Satchel Paige.

Satchel Paige had a healthy way of looking at aging, because he also said, "How old would you



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"Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience."
Eleanor Hibbert, author

be if you didn't know how old you are?"

As word of my affection for quotes has become known through my Facebook posts, friends will often share their favorites with me.

I welcome these contributions and a few have made it onto the Word document.

Plus, I've even coined one or two myself, such as: "If the temperature is lower than my age, it's too cold."

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