

100 Quotes from Women

1. If society will not admit to woman's free development, then society must be remodelled.
~ Elizabeth Blackwell
2. Men, their rights, nothing more; Women, their rights, nothing less.
~ Susan B. Anthony
3. Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.
~ Harriet Beecher Stowe
4. Sometimes questions are more important than answers.
~ Nancy Willard
5. To love what you do and feel that it matters – How could anything be more fun?
~ Katherine Graham
6. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world... it is the only thing that ever has.
~ Margaret Mead
7. You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can everyday.
~ Marian Wright Edelman
8. Remember, no one can make you feel inferior without your consent.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt
9. To repeat what others have said required education, to challenge it, requires brains.
~ Mary Pettibone Poole
10. Find out who you are and do it on purpose.
~ Dolly Parton
11. Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communications is open, and rules are flexible – the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family.
~ Virginia Satir
12. We've chosen the path to equality, don't let them turn us around.
~ Geraldine Ferraro
13. The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.
~ Maureen Dowd
14. Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.
~ Author Unknown
15. A strong, Positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success.
~ Joyce Brothers
16. Security is not the meaning of life. Great opportunities are worth the risk.
~ Shirley Hufstедler
17. A free race cannot be born of slave mothers.
~ Margaret Sanger

18. And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. AS we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.
~ Marianne Williamson
19. The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
~ Sally Burger
20. Justice is better than chivalry if we cannot have both.
~ Alice Stone Blackwell
21. You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.
~ Indira Gandhi
22. Not only have women been successful in entering fields that men are suppose to have more natural aptitude, but they have created entirely new businesses.
~ Lucretia P. Hunter
23. We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us.
~ Virginia Satir
24. I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a door mat...
~ Rebecca West
25. Every man I meet wants to protect me. I can't figure out what from.
~ Mae West
26. A dame that knows the ropes isn't likely to get tied up.
~ Mae West
27. Remember, Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, but backwards and in high heels.
~ Faith Whittlesey
28. Feminism is the radical notion that women are people.
~ Cheri Kramarae and Paula Treichler
29. Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.
~ Harriet Tubman
30. The road to success is always under construction.
~ Lily Tomlin
31. Breath. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure.
~ Oprah Winfrey
32. There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
~ Edith Wharton
33. You don't have to be anti-man to be pro-woman.
~ Jane Galvin Lewis
34. History is herstory too.
~ Author Unknown
35. How good does a female athlete have to be before we just call her an athlete?
~ Author Unknown

36. The world has never yet seen a truly great and virtuous nation because in the degradation of woman the very fountains of life are poisoned at their source.
~ Lucretia Mott
37. There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
~ Beverly Sills
38. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
~ Anne Frank
39. One of the things about equality is not just that you be treated equally to a man, but that you treat yourself equally to the way you treat a man.
~ Marlo Thomas
40. The test for whether or not you can hold a job should not be the arrangement of your chromosomes.
~ Bella Abzug
41. Women are not inherently passive or peaceful. We're not inherently anything but human.
~ Robin Morgan
42. I'm just a person trapped inside a woman's body.
~ Elaine Boosler
43. If you think you're too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.
~ Betty Reese
44. I can always tell a lady when I see one. Yeah? What do you tell'em?
~ Mae West
45. People are pretty much alike. It's only that our difference are more susceptible to definition than our similarities.
~ Linda Ellerbee
46. Real equality is immensely difficult to achieve, it needs continual revision and monitoring of distributions. And it does not provide buffers between members, so they are continually colliding or frustrating each other.
~ Mary Douglas
47. I think, with never-ending gratitude, that the young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned.
~ Lucy Stone
48. Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
~ Hannah More
49. If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.
~ Margaret Fuller
50. A girl should not expect special privileges because of her sex but neither should she adjust to prejudice and discrimination.
~ Betty Friedan
51. I want for myself what I want for women, absolute equality.
~ Agnes Macphail

52. I want to organize so that women see ourselves as people who are entitled to power, entitled to leadership.
~ Patricia Ireland
53. Male and female citizens, being equal in the eyes of the law, must be equally admitted to all honors, positions, and public employment according to their capacity and without other distinctions besides those of their virtues and talents.
~ Olympe de Gouges
54. I do think that being the second [female Supreme Court Justice] is wonderful, because it is a sign that being a woman in a place of impotence is no longer extraordinary.
~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg
55. Goals are dreams with deadlines.
~ Diana Scharf Hunt
56. Everything's in the mind. That's where it all starts. Know what you want is the first step toward getting it.
~ Mae West
57. When you make a mistake, don't look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.
~ Phyllis Bottome
58. You can't change who you are, but you can surely make the best of it.
~ Emma Bunton
59. Women have a lot to say about how to advance women's rights, and governments need to learn from that, listen to the movement and respond.
~ Charlotte Bunch
60. We are a model country where gender equality is a concern...
~ Targa Halonen
61. There cannot be true democracy unless women's voices are heard. There cannot be true democracy unless women are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their own lives. There cannot be true democracy unless all citizens are able to participate fully in the lives of their country.
~ Hillary Clinton
62. Women want to be treated as equals, not sequels.
~ Kathy Lette
63. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.
~ Abigail Adams
64. Equal pay for women is a matter of simple justice.
~ Mary Anderson
65. I'd much rather be a woman than a man. Women can cry, they can wear cute clothes, and they are the first to be rescued off of sinking ships.
~ Gilda Radner

66. A woman is like a tea bag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt
67. We have to be careful in the ear of radical feminism, not to emphasize an equality of the sexes that leads women to imitate men to prove their equality. To be equal does not mean you have to be the same.
~ Eva Burrows
68. We cannot afford to be separate... We have to see that all of us are in the same boat.
~ Dorothy Height
69. We are coming down from our pedestal and up from the laundry room. We want an equal share in government and we mean to get it.
~ Bella Abzug
70. Women have got to make the world safe for men since men have made it so darned unsafe for women.
~ Nancy Astor
71. I used to be Snow White, but I drifted.
~ Mae West
72. Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.
~ Margaret Fuller
73. The amount of good luck coming your way depends on your willingness to act.
~ Barbara Sher
74. Doing is a quantum leap from imagining.
~ Barbara Sher
75. I believe in pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in kissing, kissing a lot. I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles.
~ Audrey Hepburn
76. Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!
~ Audrey Hepburn
77. I have something to prove, as long as I know there's something that needs improvement, and you know that every time I move, I make a woman's movement.
~ Ani DiFranco
78. We are Mother Earth's heartbeat, it is our responsibility to bring peace, harmony and balance back to the world. This will not happen if we continue to find fault with ourselves and perpetuate it on our sisters.
~ Thunderbird
79. The woman is the foundation on which nations are built. She is the heart of her nation. If that heart is weak, the people are weak. If her heart is strong and her mind is clear, then the nation is strong and knows its purpose. The woman is the center of everything.
~ Ojibwe
80. If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.
~ Oprah Winfrey

81. You own words are the bricks and mortar of the dreams you want to realize. You words are the greatest power you have. The words you choose and their use establish the life you experience.
~ Sonia Croquette
82. Evolution cannot be brought about by the use of dynamite.
~ Irene Parlby
83. Women who set a low value on themselves make life hard for all women.
~ Nellie McClung
84. There came a time when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.
~ Anais Nin
85. The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any.
~ Alice Walker
86. Canada is destined to be one of the great nations of the world and Canadian women must be ready for citizenship.
~ Nellie McClung
87. Woman must not accept; she must challenge. She must not be awed by that which has been built up around her; she must reverence that woman in her which struggles for expression.
~ Margaret Sanger
88. The purpose of a woman's life is just the same as the purpose of man's life – that she may make the best possible contribution to generations in which she is living.
~ Louise McKinney
89. The woman is queen in her home and reigns there, but unfortunately the laws she makes reach no further than her domain. If her laws, written or unwritten, are to be enforced outside, she must come into the political world as well – and she has come.
~ Henrietta Muir Edwards
90. Never retract, never explain, never apologize; get things done and let them howl.
~ Nellie McClung
91. I want to leave something behind when I go: some small legacy of truth, some word that will shine in a dark place.
~ Nellie McClung
92. Courage is like a muscle. We strengthen it with use.
~ Ruth Gordon
93. You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.
~ Beverly Sills
94. It's not what you call me, but what I answer to.
~ African Proverb
95. A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform.
~ Diane Mariechild
96. We've begun to raise daughters more like sons... but few have the courage to raise our sons more like daughters.
~ Gloria Steinem

97. There is more difference within the sexes than between them.

~ Ivy Compton-Burnett

98. Until women learn to want economic independence, and until they work out a way to get this independence without denying themselves the joys of love and motherhood, it seems to me feminism has no roots.

~ Crystal Eastman

99. Virtue can only flourish among equals.

~ Mary Wollstonecraft

100. When you feel like giving up, remember why you held on for so long in the first place.

~ Author Unknown