

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde quotes, in plain words

Every big quote from the book. Who says it, where, and what it means. Start with the twenty marked with a dot.

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Learn these twenty first

Short. Easy to remember. Between them they cover every theme and every main character.

- **Mr. Utterson the lawyer was a man of a rugged countenance that was never lighted by a smile**

Narrator · [Chapter 1: Story of the Door](#) · [reputation](#) · [secrecy](#)

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Utterson · [Chapter 2: Search for Mr Hyde](#) · [secrecy](#)

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Every quote, in order

All 38, in the order they happen.

Chapter 1: Story of the Door 5 quotes

Chapter 2: Search for Mr Hyde 5 quotes

Chapter 3: Dr Jekyll Was Quite at Ease 2 quotes

Chapter 4: The Carew Murder Case 3 quotes

Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter 3 quotes

Chapter 6: Incident of Dr Lanyon 2 quotes

Chapter 7: Incident at the Window 3 quotes

Chapter 8: The Last Night 3 quotes

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Chapter 10: Henry Jekyll's Full Statement of the Case 10 quotes

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It was like some damned Juggernaut.

Enfield · [Chapter 1: Story of the Door](#) · [violence](#) · [evil](#)

Hyde walks over a small girl in the street and keeps going. Like a huge machine that crushes what is in its way.

There is something wrong with his appearance; something displeasing, something down-right detestable.

Enfield · [Chapter 1: Story of the Door](#) · [evil](#)

Enfield cannot say what is wrong with Hyde. He just knows something is.

I never saw a man I so disliked, and yet I scarce know why.

Enfield · [Chapter 1: Story of the Door](#) · [evil](#)

Everyone who meets Hyde hates him. Nobody can explain it.

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It is one thing to mortify curiosity, another to conquer it

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Utterson tries not to be curious. He cannot help it.

Chapter 3: Dr Jekyll Was Quite at Ease

The large handsome face of Dr. Jekyll grew pale to the very lips, and there came a blackness about his eyes.

Narrator · [Chapter 3: Dr Jekyll Was Quite at Ease](#) · [secrecy](#) · [duality](#)

When Utterson mentions Hyde, Jekyll goes white. His face gives him away.

the moment I choose, I can be rid of Mr. Hyde.

Jekyll · [Chapter 3: Dr Jekyll Was Quite at Ease](#) · [duality](#) · [science](#)

Jekyll thinks he is in control. He can stop whenever he wants. He cannot.

Chapter 4: The Carew Murder Case

with ape-like fury, he was trampling his victim under foot

Narrator · [Chapter 4: The Carew Murder Case](#) · [violence](#) · [evil](#)

Hyde beats an old man to death with a stick. Like an animal, not a man.

a great chocolate-coloured pall lowered over heaven

Narrator · [Chapter 4: The Carew Murder Case](#) · [setting](#) · [evil](#)

London fog like a brown blanket over the sky. The city hides things.

like a district of some city in a nightmare

Narrator · [Chapter 4: The Carew Murder Case](#) · [setting](#)

Hyde's part of London looks like a bad dream. The place matches the man.

Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter

I have had a lesson

Jekyll · [Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter](#) · [secrecy](#) · [reputation](#)

After the murder, Jekyll says he has learned. He swears he is done with Hyde.

the two hands are in many points identical: only differently sloped

Guest · [Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter](#) · [duality](#) · [secrecy](#)

Hyde's handwriting is Jekyll's, leaning the other way. A clue nobody follows.

I swear to God I will never set eyes on him again.

Jekyll · [Chapter 5: Incident of the Letter](#) · [religion](#) · [secrecy](#)

Jekyll swears he is done with Hyde. He means it. It does not hold.

Chapter 6: Incident of Dr Lanyon

I have had a shock," he said, "and I shall never recover.

Lanyon · [Chapter 6: Incident of Dr Lanyon](#) · [science](#) · [secrecy](#)

Lanyon has seen something. He will not say what. He dies of it.

I wish to see or hear no more of Dr. Jekyll

Lanyon · [Chapter 6: Incident of Dr Lanyon](#) · [reputation](#) · [secrecy](#)

Lanyon cuts Jekyll off completely. Whatever he saw was too much.

Chapter 7: Incident at the Window

I am very low, Utterson," replied the doctor drearily, "very low. It will not last long, thank God.

Jekyll · [Chapter 7: Incident at the Window](#) · [duality](#) · [secrecy](#)

Jekyll at the window, sad and sick. He knows the end is coming.

an expression of such abject terror and despair, as froze the very blood of the two gentlemen below

Narrator · [Chapter 7: Incident at the Window](#) · [duality](#) · [evil](#)

Mid-sentence, Jekyll's face changes to horror. He slams the window. Hyde is coming out.

God forgive us, God forgive us

Utterson · [Chapter 7: Incident at the Window](#) · [religion](#) · [evil](#)

After they see Jekyll's face change at the window, Utterson can only pray. Twice.

Chapter 8: The Last Night

Sir, if that was my master, why had he a mask upon his face?

Poole · [Chapter 8: The Last Night](#) · [secrecy](#) · [duality](#)

Poole the servant has seen the thing in the lab. It wore a mask. It was not his master.

that thing was not my master, and there's the truth.

Poole · [Chapter 8: The Last Night](#) · [duality](#)

Poole cannot say what it was. Only what it was not.

the body of a man sorely contorted and still twitching

Narrator · [Chapter 8: The Last Night](#) · [violence](#) · [evil](#)

Hyde, dead on the floor, in Jekyll's clothes that are too big for him.

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My life is shaken to its roots

Lanyon · [Chapter 9: Dr Lanyon's Narrative](#) · [science](#)

What Lanyon saw broke everything he believed. Science, God, all of it.

Chapter 10: Henry Jekyll's Full Statement of the Case

man is not truly one, but truly two

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The heart of the book. Every person has two selves.

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Edward Hyde, alone in the ranks of mankind, was pure evil.

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Everyone else is a mix. Hyde is the only pure thing. Pure evil.

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the powers of Hyde seemed to have grown with the sickliness of Jekyll

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The weaker Jekyll gets, the stronger Hyde grows.

I concealed my pleasures

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Jekyll hid the things he enjoyed because he wanted to look respectable.

That is why he wanted a second self.
