

Quotes on Writing

'If any man wish to write a clear style, let him first be clear in his thoughts.'

— *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Obscurity of expression
generally springs from
confusion of ideas.

Lord Macaulay

Attain an English style,
familiar but not coarse,
and elegant but
not ostentatious.

Dr. Samuel Johnson

The greatest of all
faults is to be conscious
of none.

Thomas Carlyle

To write in a genuine
familiar or truly English
style is to write as any
one would speak in
common conversation.

William Hazlitt

“When I choose a word,”
Humpty Dumpty said in a
rather scornful tone, “it
means just what I choose
it to mean – neither more
nor less.”

Through the
Looking Glass,
Lewis Carroll

**'We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever
becomes a master'.**

— *Ernest Hemingway*

'Only a mediocre writer is always at his best.'

— *Somerset Maugham*

**'Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready
man, and writing an exact man.'**

— *Francis Bacon*

'Nothing goes by luck in composition. It allows of no tricks. The best you can write will be the best you are.'

— *Henry David Thoreau*