**Maya Angelou Quotations**

[If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo101310.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo101310.html)

[I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo392897.html)

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[When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo383371.html)

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[My great hope is to laugh as much as I cry; to get my work done and try to love somebody and have the courage to accept the love in return.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148642.html)

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[If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo134889.html)

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[Bitterness is like cancer. It eats upon the host. But anger is like fire. It burns it all clean.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148635.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148635.html)

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[Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo120859.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo120859.html)

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[My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148652.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148652.html)

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[Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo389446.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo389446.html)

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[I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo389346.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo389346.html)

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[While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo167463.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo167463.html)

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[Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo106861.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo106861.html)

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[There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo133956.html)

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[Nothing will work unless you do.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo120197.html)

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[If we lose love and self respect for each other, this is how we finally die.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo131752.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo131752.html)

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[It is time for parents to teach young people early on that in diversity there is beauty and there is strength.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo132707.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo132707.html)

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[Children's talent to endure stems from their ignorance of alternatives.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo104542.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo104542.html)

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[History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo387255.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo387255.html)

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[One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo132601.html)

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[Words mean more than what is set down on paper. It takes the human voice to infuse them with deeper meaning.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo140532.html)

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[All great achievements require time.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo120861.html)

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[Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo139280.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo139280.html)

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[My life has been one great big joke, a dance that's walked a song that's spoke, I laugh so hard I almost choke when I think about myself.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148643.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148643.html)

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[The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo386838.html)

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[Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo162940.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo162940.html)

[We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo165173.html)

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[Love is like a virus. It can happen to anybody at any time.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo382746.html)

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[As far as I knew white women were never lonely, except in books. White men adored them, Black men desired them and Black women worked for them.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141969.html)

[**Maya Angelou**](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141969.html)

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[Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148650.html)

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[If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo101786.html)

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[I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo385317.html)

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[For Africa to me... is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141966.html)

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[The sadness of the women's movement is that they don't allow the necessity of love. See, I don't personally trust any revolution where love is not allowed.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148640.html)

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[There's a world of difference between truth and facts. Facts can obscure the truth.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo125778.html)

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[We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141964.html)

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[The fact that the adult American Negro female emerges a formidable character is often met with amazement, distaste and even belligerence. It is seldom accepted as an inevitable outcome of the struggle won by survivors, and deserves respect if not enthusiastic acceptance.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141967.html)

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[There is nothing so pitiful as a young cynic because he has gone from knowing nothing to believing nothing.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo108345.html)

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[Life loves the liver of it.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148644.html)

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[I long, as does every human being, to be at home wherever I find myself.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo384166.html)

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[I believe that every person is born with talent.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo165174.html)

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[At fifteen life had taught me undeniably that surrender, in its place, was as honorable as resistance, especially if one had no choice.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo141965.html)

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[All men are prepared to accomplish the incredible if their ideals are threatened.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo120862.html)

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[The idea is to write it so that people hear it and it slides through the brain and goes straight to the heart.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo387468.html)

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[Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: 'I'm with you kid. Let's go.'](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148645.html)

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[How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo105186.html)

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[The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo148636.html)

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[If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities.](http://brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/mayaangelo145823.html)

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”   
― [Maya Angelou](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou)

“I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way (s)he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.”   
― [Maya Angelou](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou)

“I do not trust people who don't love themselves and yet tell me, 'I love you.' There is an African saying which is: Be careful when a naked person offers you a shirt.”   
― [Maya Angelou](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou)

“A woman's heart should be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him just to find her.”   
― [Maya Angelou](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou)

“Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.”   
― [Maya Angelou](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou), [*Letter to My Daughter*](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/4062985)

“Everything in the universe has a rhythm, everything dances. ”   
― [Maya Angelo](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3503.Maya_Angelou)