

APPENDIX 1

QUOTATIONS

Democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself. There was never a democracy that did not commit suicide.

John Adams 1735-1826 second President of the United States, 1797-1801: letter to John Taylor 15 April 1814

My wife was an immature woman . . . I would be home in the bathroom, taking a bath, and she would walk in whenever she felt like it and sink my boats.

Woody Allen 1935- American screenwriter, film director, actor, comedian, writer, musician and playwright

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.

in *California Living* 14 May 1975

Maya Angelou 1928- American novelist and poet

We can aspire to anything, but we don't get it just 'cause we want it. I would rather spend my life close to the birds than waste it wishing I had wings.

Eli Attie Writer and political operative House MD, *Dying Changes Everything* (2008)

Publishers are in business to make money, and if your books do well they don't care whether you are male, female, or an elephant.

Margaret Atwood 1939- Canadian novelist: Graeme Gibson *Eleven Canadian Novelists* (1973)

Whatever you do, keep clear of thin women. They're trouble.

Alan Ayckbourn 1939- English dramatist: *A Small Family Business* (1987)

Women – one half of the human race at least – care fifty times more for a marriage than a ministry.

Walter Bagehot 1826-77 English economist and essayist: *The English Constitution* (1867)

Love... the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and discovering that she looks like a haddock.

John Barrymore 1882-1942 American actor

All that is beautiful and noble is the result of reason and calculation.

Charles Baudelaire 1821-67 French poet and critic: *The Painter of Modern Life* (1863)

People keep asking me if I'll marry again. It's as if after you've had one car crash you want another.

Stephanie Beacham 1947- British television, film and theatre actress

What makes equality such a difficult business is that we only want it with our superiors.

Henry Becque 1837-99 French dramatist and critic: *Quelles littéraires* (1890)

It is better to marry than to burn.

I Corinthians 7:9

[Author's note: it's not much of a choice though, is it?]

It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 21:9

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

Proverbs 27:15

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.

New Testament, St. Paul in I Corinthians 1:27

The Bible (Authorised Version)

Female, n. One of the opposing, or unfair, sex.

Ambrose Bierce 1842-1914 American journalist and satirist: *The Devil's Dictionary* (1911)

Women have no wilderness in them,
They are provident instead,
Content in the tight hot cell of their hearts
To eat dusty bread.

Louise Bogan 1897-1970 American poet: 'Women' (1923)

Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity.

Vera Brittain 1893-1970 English writer: *Rebel Passion* (1964)

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil women is that good women do nothing.

on The Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP, a British militant feminist politician, and her like
Mike Buchanan 1957- British writer: *David and Goliath: David Cameron – heir to Harman?* (2010)

The so-called conservative, uncomfortably disdainful of controversy, seldom has the energy to fight his battles, while the radical, so often a member of the minority, exerts disproportionate influence because of his dedication to his cause.

Conservatism is the tacit acknowledgement that all that is finally important in human experience is behind us; that the crucial explorations have been undertaken, and that it is given to man to know what are the great truths that emerged from them.

William F Buckley Jr 1925-2008 American conservative author and commentator: *God and Man at Yale* (1951)

It is a general popular error to imagine the loudest complainers for the public to be the most anxious for its welfare.

Edmund Burke 1729-97 Anglo-Irish statesmen, author, political theorist and philosopher: *Observations on a late Publication on the Present State of the Nation* (1769)

Woman suffrage: I will vote for it when women have left off making a noise in the reading room of the British Museum, when they leave off wearing high head-dresses in the pit of a theatre, and when I have seen as many as twelve women in all catch hold of the strap or bar on getting into an omnibus.

Samuel Butler 1835-1902 English novelist and writer: *Selections of the Note-Books from Samuel Butler* (1930)

Question to Lord Carrington: If Mrs Thatcher were run over by a bus . . . ?

Lord Carrington: It wouldn't dare.

during the Falklands War

Russell Lewis *Margaret Thatcher* (1984)

Lord Carrington 1919- British Conservative politician, Foreign Secretary 1979-82

The ladies walking by the car were attractive on the whole – the area had a high 'totty count', we agreed – and our spirits started to lift. Paul quipped, 'Will you look at the melons on that! Must have cost her £3,000, and we get the benefit!'

remark to the author, St Tropez, France, August 2007

Mike Buchanan *Two Men in a Car* (2008)

Why are we having such an enjoyable time? Easy. Not having wives or girlfriends telling us what to do!

remark to the author, France, August 2007

Mike Buchanan *Two Men in a Car* (2008)

Just heard my Aunt has been diagnosed with dementia. Upsetting news, but on the bright side I suppose I should be grateful for the £50 I get for my birthday every week.

text message to the author and others, 21 December 2009

A man walks into a shop selling Xmas trees and selects a six-foot-tall one. The shop assistant asks, 'Are you going to put it up yourself?' at which the man looks shocked and replies, 'No, you sick pervert, I'm going to put it up in the living room!'

text message to the author and others, 23 December 2009

It's only adultery if you get caught!

Paul Carrington 1950- Martial arts expert, security man, thrice married (to Yugoslavian, Italian and Ugandan ladies), thrice divorced, single, eternal optimist, singer-songwriter, socialist, the author's chauffeur in his travelogue *Two Men in a Car (a businessman, a chauffeur, and their holidays in France)*, and one of eight guitarists – 'Thunderin' Paul Carrington – whose life stories are related in the author's *Guitar Gods in Beds. (Bedfordshire: a heavenly county)*

She is so clearly the best man among them.

of Margaret Thatcher

diary, 11 February 1975

Barbara Castle 1910-2002 British Labour politician

I don't believe in astrology; I'm a Sagittarian and we're sceptical.

Sir Arthur C Clarke 1917-2008 English science fiction writer

All men have an equal right to the free development of their faculties; they have an equal right to the impartial protection of the state; but it is not true, it is against all the laws of reason and equity, it is against the eternal nature of things, that the indolent man and the laborious man, the spendthrift and the economist, the imprudent and the wise, should obtain and enjoy an equal amount of goods.

Victor Cousin 1792-1867 French philosopher

Some women should be struck regularly, like gongs.

Private Lives (1930)

I've sometimes thought of marrying, then I've thought again.

Sir Noël Coward 1899-1973 English entertainer and writer