

Piggy Quotes

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"The actual lines of a pig—I mean of a really fat pig—are among the loveliest and most luxuriant in nature."

- G.K. Chesterton

"No man should be allowed to be President who does not understand hogs."

- Harry Truman

"Never eat more than you can lift."

- Miss Piggy

"Fern was up at daylight, trying to rid the world of injustice. As a result, she now has a pig. A small one to be sure, but nevertheless a pig. It just shows what can happen if a person gets out of bed promptly."

- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White

"These are bagpipes. I understand the inventor of bagpipes was inspired when he saw a man carrying an indignant, asthmatic pig under his arm. Unfortunately, the man-made sound never equaled the purity of sound achieved by the pig.

- Alfred Hitchcock

"[Pigs] have the cognitive ability to be quite sophisticated. Even more so than dogs and certainly three-year-olds."

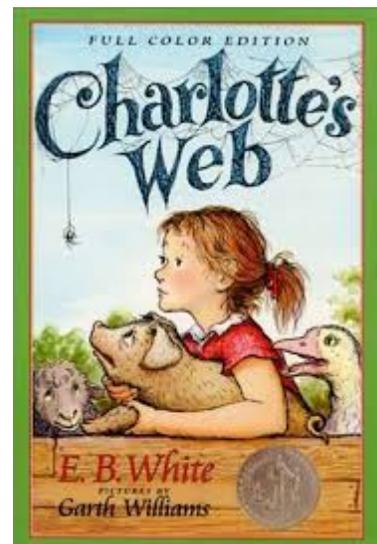
- Professor Donald Broom, Cambridge University Veterinary School

"This is a very serious thing, Edith,' he replied.
'Our pig is completely out of the ordinary.'

'What's unusual about the pig?' asked Mrs. Zuckerman, who was beginning to recover from her scare.

'Well, I don't really know yet,' said Mr. Zuckerman. 'But we have received a sign, Edith—a mysterious sign. A miracle has happened on this

farm. There is a large spider's web in the doorway of the barn cellar, right over the pigpen, and when Lurvy went to feed the pig this morning, he noticed the web because it was foggy, and you know how a spider's web looks very distinct in a fog. And right spang in the middle of the web there were the words "Some Pig." The words were woven right into the web. They were actually part of the web, Edith. I know, because I have been down there and seen them. It says, "Some



Pig," just as clear as clear can be. There can be no mistake about it. A miracle has happened and a sign has occurred here on earth, right on our farm, and we have no ordinary pig.'

'Well," said Mrs. Zuckerman, 'it seems to me you're a little off. It seems to me we have no ordinary spider.'

'Oh, no,' said Zuckerman. 'It's the pig that's unusual. It says so, right there in the middle of the web.'"

- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White

"Look at pork. There's a subject. If you want a subject, look at pork."

- Charles Dickens

"Templeton was down there now, rummaging around. When he returned to the barn, he carried in his mouth an advertisement he had torn from a crumpled magazine.

'How's this?' he asked, showing the ad to Charlotte. 'It says "Crunchy". Crunchy would be a good word to write in your web.'

'Just the wrong idea,' replied Charlotte. 'Couldn't be worse. We don't want Zuckerman to think Wilbur is crunchy. He might start thinking about crisp, crunchy bacon and tasty ham. That would put ideas into his head. We must advertise Wilbur's noble qualities, not his tastiness'."

- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White

"Never try to teach a pig to sing. You waste your time and annoy the pig.

- Robert A. Heinlein

"They [pigs] are eminently sensitive of approaching changes in the weather, and may often be observed suddenly to leave the places in which they had formerly been quietly feeding, and run off to their sties at full speed, making loud outcries. When storms are overhanging, they collect straw in their mouths, and run about as if inviting their companions to do the same; and if there is a shed or shelter near at hand, may be seen to carry and deposit it there, as if for the purpose of preparing a bed. Hence has arisen the common Wiltshire saying, 'Pigs see the wind.'"

- William Youatt, *The Pig: a Treatise on the Breeds, Management, Feeding, and Medical Treatment of Swine; with Directions for Salting Pork and Curing Bacon and Hams* (1857)

"A pig in almost every cottage sty. That is the mark of a happy people."

- William Cobbett

"But I will place this carefully fed pig within the crackling oven;

And, I pray, what nicer dish can e'er be given to man?"

- Aeschylus

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

- Jonathan Swift

“Ever since the spider had befriended him, he had done his best to live up to his reputation. When Charlotte’s web said SOME PIG, Wilbur had tried hard to look like some pig. When Charlotte’s web said TERRIFIC, Wilbur had tried to look terrific. And now that the web said RADIANT, he did everything possible to make himself glow.”

- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White

“Swine seem by no means destitute of natural affections; they are gregarious, assemble together in defense of each other, herd together for warmth, and appear to have feelings in common; no mother is more tender of her young than the sow, or more resolute in their defense. [There are] records of many anecdotes illustrative of their sagacity, tractability, and susceptibility of affection. How often among the peasantry, where the pig is, in a manner of speaking, one of the family, may this animal be seen following his master from place to place, and grunting his recognition of his protectors.”

- William Youatt, *The Pig: a Treatise on the Breeds, Management, Feeding, and Medical Treatment of Swine; with Directions for Salting Pork and Curing Bacon and Hams* (1857)

"Everything in a pig is good. What ingratitude has permitted his name to become a term of opprobrium?"

- Grimod de la Reynière

“Nobody creates a fad. It just happens. People love going along with the idea of a beautiful pig. It’s like a conspiracy.”

- Jim Henson, on the popularity of Miss Piggy

“The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it was impossible to say which was which.”

- George Orwell, *Animal Farm*

"His eyes like glow-worms shine when he doth fret;

His snout digs sepulchres where'er he goes."

- Shakespeare

"Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail, and it is only after it has slipped through the hands of some thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it!"

- Davy Crockett

"I've always loved pigs: the shape of them, the look of them, and the fact that they are so intelligent."

- Maurice Sendak

“Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it.”

- George Bernard Shaw

“I never met a pig I didn't like. *All* pigs are intelligent, emotional, and sensitive souls. They *all* love company. They *all* crave contact and comfort. Pigs have a delightful sense of mischief; most of them seem to enjoy a good joke and appreciate music. And that is something you would certainly never suspect from your relationship with a pork chop.”

- Sy Montgomery, *The Good Good Pig: The Extraordinary Life of Christopher Hogwood*

“When Lincoln and some other lawyers were riding on the circuit, their horses rode by a pig stuck in the mud. The pig was hopelessly stuck. The more he struggled to escape his doom, the more he sank into the mire.

“Lincoln noticed the pig, as did the others. Really, no one could help but noticing. But the lawyers, including Lincoln, were wearing their good clothes. Lincoln was wearing a new suit he hadn't owned for very long. So they all passed by as the pig continued to grunt and squeal.

“But Lincoln could not get that poor pig out of his head. One mile passed; the pig was still there. Two miles passed; Lincoln couldn't stand it anymore. He doubled back, set on rescuing the pig.

"When he arrived at the spot, he tied up his horse and started to work some old rails into the mud. Using the rails to support himself as well as to wedge under the pig, the frantic pig was finally freed.

"Lincoln washed off at a nearby brook the best he could, but his suit was quite a mess. Likely ruined. Still, Lincoln was glad he did it. As he rode back to catch up with his companions, he reflected on his motive. At first he thought he'd rescued the pig just because he was a nice guy. With a little more reflection, however, he decided he'd done it out of pure selfishness. As he later told a friend, he'd gone back to free the pig to 'take a pain out of his own mind'."

- *Lincoln's Own Stories*. Collected and edited by Anthony Gross. New York and London; Harper and Brothers, 1912

"It was the best place to be, thought Wilbur, this warm delicious cellar, with the garrulous geese, the changing seasons, the heat of the sun, the passage of swallows, the nearness of rats, the sameness of sheep, the love of spiders, the smell of manure, and the glory of everything."

- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White

"Pigs are smarter than dogs, and both are smarter than Congress."

- Elayne Boosler

"Those who live with pigs often speak of them as we normally speak of dogs—intelligent, loyal, and above all, affectionate. Each one, I am continually reminded by people who know them, is a complete individual, like no other pig."

- Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson, *The Pig Who Sang to the Moon: The Emotional World of Farm Animals*

"Then on the grounde

Togyder rounde

With manye a sadde stroke,

They roll and rumble,

They turne and tumble,

As pigges do in a poke."

- Sir Thomas Moore

"Swineherds are as important as bakers."

- Plato

"Many times I've looked into a pig's eye and convinced myself that inside that brain is a sentient being, who is looking back at me observing him wondering what he's thinking about."

- Dick King-Smith

"His chief business is to eat, sleep, drink, and grow fat."

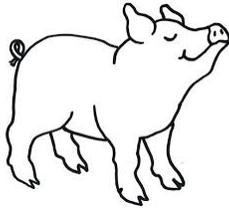
- William Youatt

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."

- Winston Churchill

"The pig, the rent payer of Europe, the mortgage lifter of America"

- Jacob Biggle, author of the *Biggle Swine Book* (1899)



Piggy Proverbs & Folk Sayings

A pig on credit makes a good winter and a bad spring.

- Ozark folk saying

One cannot have bacon and keep the pig too.

- German proverb

The life of a pig is short and sweet.

- French proverb

The best pears fall into pigs' mouths.

- Italian proverb

Stay away from the pigsty if you don't want to stink.

-Irish proverb

Poets and pigs are appreciated only after their death.

- Italian proverb

A pig used to dirt turns its nose up at rice.

- Portuguese proverb

What can you expect from a pig but a grunt?

- Swedish proverb

Providence often puts a large potato in a little pig's way.

- German proverb

It is the quiet pig that eats the meal.

- Italian proverb.

Don't give cherries to pigs or advice to fools.

- Italian proverb

A pig in a parlor is still a pig.

- Russian proverb

Young pigs grunt as old pigs grunted before them.

- Danish proverb

The pig in the sty doesn't know the pig going along the road.

- Irish proverb

If you pull one pig by the tail all the rest will squeal.

- Dutch proverb

Child's pig, father's pork

- Portuguese proverb

It is the quiet pig that eats the meal.

-Irish proverb

The woman had no problems so she bought some pigs.

– Russian proverb

The worst pig often gets the best pear.

- Italian proverb

When the pig has had a bellyful it upsets the trough.

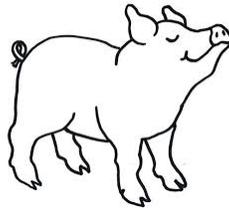
- Dutch proverb

To shear a pig is to cause a great commotion over very little wool.

- Irish proverb

Old pigs have hard snouts.

- German proverb



Piggy Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are short, traditional poems sung or chanted by children in the United States, Britain, and many other countries. Some nursery rhymes in use today originated as long ago as the Middle Ages, though most first appeared in print in 18th and 19th century Britain.

Why pigs? Because pigs were the cottager's annual meat supply. Pigs didn't require a lot of space, and fattened on mast (forest refuse including acorns) and scraps, a pig produced a lot of meat. Every country child knew pigs.

Here's a piggy nursery rhyme most everyone knows. Dating to the late 1800s, it's listed in the *Roud Folk Song Index*, a database of nearly 200,000 references to more than 25,000 English language songs and rhymes collected from oral traditions all over the world.

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,
Home again, home again, jiggety-jig;
To market, to market, to buy a fat hog,
Home again, home again, jiggety-jog.

This Little Piggy Went to Market is another familiar rhyme to be recited while tweaking a child's toes, beginning with his big toe and ending with his smallest. The first published reference to this rhyme appeared in 1728 and it's also listed in the *Roud Folk Song Index*.

This little piggy went to market,
This little piggy stayed home,
This little piggy had roast beef,
This little piggy had none,
And this little piggy cried, wee-wee-wee
All the way home.

Another version of This Little Piggy Went to Market:

This little pig went to market,
The weather was warm and clear,
And he gamboled along with a laugh and song,
At the side of his mother dear.

Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son is yet another well-known nursery rhyme listed in the *Roud Folk Song Index*. It made its first appearance in an English chapbook printed in 1795.

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,

Stole a pig, and away he run;
The pig was eat
And Tom was beat,
And Tom went howling down the street.

Another version goes:

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,
Stole a pig, and away he run.
Tom run here,
Tom run there,
Tom run through the village square.

An American version harkens back to the 1920s:

Tom, Tom, the piper's son
Stole a pig, and away he run.
The pig got loose,
And killed a goose,
And Tom got put in the calaboose.

And now, some lesser known piggy rhymes:

Piggy Wig and Piggy Wee,
Greedy pigs as pigs could be.
For their dinner ran pell mell.
And in the trough both piggies fell.

Two mother pigs lived in a pen,
Each had four babies and that made ten.
These four babies were black and white.

These four babies were black as night.
All eight babies loved to play.
And they rolled and they rolled in the mud all day.

Upon my word and honour,
As I was going to Bonner,
I met a pig,
Without a wig,
Upon my word and honour.

Jack Sprat's pig,
He was not very little,
Nor yet very big.
He was not very lean,
He was not very fat;
He'll do well for a grunt,
Says little Jack Sprat.

Come dance a jig,
With my granny's pig.
With a raudy, rowdy, dowdy.
Come dance a jog,
With my granny's hog
And pussy-cat will crowdy.

Little Johnny Pringle had a little pig.
It was very little, so it wasn't very big.
When he was alive he lived in clover,
But now he's dead and that's all over.
So little Johnny Pringle, he laid down and cried
And little Betty Pringle, she laid down and died.

There is the history of one, two, three:
Johnny Pringle, Betty Pringle, and Piggy Wig-ee.

The sow came in with the saddle;
The little pig rock'd the cradle;
The dish jump'd up on the table,
To see the pot swallow the ladle.
The spit that stood behind the door,
Threw the pudding-stick on the floor;
Oh! said the gridiron, can't you agree?
I'm the head constable, bring them to me.

Dickory, dickory, dare,
The pig flew up in the air;
The man in brown soon brought him down,
Dickory, dickory, dare.

Piggie on a railway, picking up stones.
Down came an engine,
And broke poor piggie's bones.
"Ah!" said piggie, "That's not fair."
"Oh!" said the engine driver,
"I don't care!"

I had a little pig,
And I fed it in a trough.
He got so big and fat,
That his tail popped off!
So, I got me a hammer,
And I got me a nail,

And I made that pig
A wooden tail!

Little Betty Pringle she had a pig,
It was not very little and not very big.
When he was alive he lived in clover
But now he's dead and that's all over.

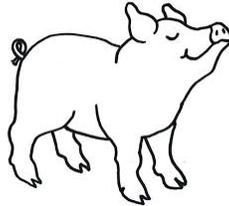
A long-tailed pig or a short-tailed pig,
Or a pig without a tail.
A sow pig, or a boar pig,
Or a pig with a curly tail.

A little pig found a fifty-dollar note,
And purchased a hat and a very fine coat,
With trousers, and stockings, and shoes,
Cravat, and shirt-collar, and gold-headed cane,
Then proud as could be, he marched up the lane;
Said he, 'I shall hear all the news.'

Barber, barber, shave a pig.
How many hairs to make a wig?
Four and twenty, that's enough.
Give the barber a pinch of snuff.

Granfa' Grig had a pig,
In a field of clover;
Piggie died, Granfa' cried,
And all the fun was over.

There was a lady loved a swine,
Honey, quoth she,
Pig-hot, wilt thou be mine?
Hoogh, quoth he.



Famous Pigs

Ace – great-grandson of **Babe** (see below) in Dick King-Smith's *Ace, the Very Important Pig*.

Albert – Pet pig in the 2008 American comedy film, *College Road Trip*.

Arnold Ziffel – Of *Green Acres* fame.

Babe – Star of Dick King-Smith's book, *The Sheep-Pig* and of the movies, *Babe* (1993) and *Babe: Pig in the City* (1998).

Beast of Dean – A humongous mythological wild boar once said to have lived in England's Forest of Dean.

Bebop – Anthropomorphic warthog in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*.

Bill – Said to have been largest pig recorded in history: a 5 foot high, 9 foot long Poland China hog, who weighed 2,552 pounds. Bill was owned by Burford Butler of Jackson, Tennessee in the year 1933.

Borsti – Werner and Andi's house pig in the German animated film, *Werner – Das muß kesseln!!!*

Caledonian Boar – A gigantic boar in Greek mythology, sent by Artemis to ravage Calydon because its king failed to honor her in his rites to the gods.

Cerdotado – Semi-hero pig in the Mexican comic strip, El Cerdotado.

Chauvy – Pig in the Brazilian comic books, Monica's Gang.

Daggie Dogfoot – In Dick King-Smith's children's book, *Pigs Might Fly*.

Doris – Beer swilling pig in the long-running Australian TV series, A Country Practice.

Empress of Blandings – An enormous Berkshire sow owned by Lord Emsworth in P.G. Wodehouse's Blandings Castle novels. In 2005 Hall & Woodhouse, the Dorset-based Brewers of Badger beer, named a pub in Hampshire after the Empress.

Fener the Boar of Summer – A war god in Steven Erikson's epic fantasy series, The Malazan Book of the Fallen.

Floyd – The mascot of Olympian and twice National Champion United States Figure Skating Team member Jeremy Abbott.

Freddy the Pig – Central character in 26 children's books written between 1927 and 1958 by Walter R. Brooks.

Gaston and Joséphine – Pigs in Georges Duplaix's book of the same name.

Gouger, Snouter, Rooter, and Tusker – Four huge boars who pull the Hogfather's sleigh in Terry Pratchett's Discworld books, particularly *The Hogfather*.

Greggery Peccary – A peccary who invents the calendar in Frank Zappa's 1978 release, The Adventures of Greggery Peccary (it's on his Studio Tan album).

Gub-Gub – Pig in Hugh Lofting's children's book, *Doctor Doolittle*.

Gullinbursti (meaning "Gold Mane or Golden Bristles") – A boar in Norse mythology; Freyr rode Gullinbursti to Balder's funeral.

Grunt and **Punt** – Of the children's TV special of the same name.

Habeas Corpus – Monk's pet pig in the Doc Savage comic books.

Hamhock – A pig who longs for fame in the Ink Pen comic strip.

Hamm – A piggy bank in Toy Story.

Hen-Wen – The fortune-telling pig in Lloyd Alexander's *The Chronicles of Prydain*.

Hercules – A depressed pig in Van Reid's *Mrs. Roberto, or The Widowy Worries of the Moosepath League*.

Huxley – Of animated children's TV series, Huxley Pig, that ran from 1989 through 1990.

Jodie – Black, red-eyed phantom pig in *The Amityville Horror*.

Lester – The well-mannered pig in Betty McDonald's *Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle's Magic*.

Little Pig Robinson – Of Beatrix Potter's book, *The Tale of Little Pig Robinson*.

Major Percy – In the 1985 animated film, *Dot and the Koala*.

Margery – Diesel Buchanon's pedigreed sow in Joan Hess' *Maggody* books.

Maxwell – Makes frequent appearances in GEICO's television and radio advertisements

Miggy – Mascot pig for the Migros supermarket chain in Switzerland, Germany, and France.

Miss Piggy, Annie Sue, Captain Link Hogthrob, and Dr. Strangepork – Pigs on The Muppet Show.

Nago – The boar god in the 1997 anime epic, Princess Mononoke.

Napoleon, Old Major, Snowball, and Squealer – Pigs in George Orwell's *Animal Farm*.

Noelle – Suzanne's pet pig in the long-running TV series, Designing Women.

Okkoto – Leader of the boars in the 1997 anime epic, Princess Mononoke.

Oolong – Anthropomorphic pig in the manga series, Dragon Ball.

Olivia – Star of the British-American animated TV series, Olivia (or Welcome to the World of the Pig Olivia).

Orson Pig – In Jim Davis' comic strip, U.S. Acres.

Gordy – Piglet star of the 1995 movie of the same name, in which he's searching for his family that was sent to a slaughterhouse in Omaha.

Pansy Pig – Henry's friend in the British animated children's TV show, Henry's Cat.

Peppa Pig – Star of the British animated preschool TV series, Peppa Pig.

Peter Porkchop – Pig who appeared in a series of books and comics published by DC Comics.

Peter Porker – From the 1910 to 1920s-era British comic strip, Billy Bimbo and Peter Porker

Percy Pig – A regular in the 1920s-era British comic strip, Bobby Bear.

Petal – A primary character in the British live action and animated children's comedy television series, Big Barn Farm.

Pig – A character in the Pearls Before Swine comic strip.

Pigasus – Who ran for President after being nominated by the Youth International Party (Yippies) during the massive protests at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Pigby – Of the British children's TV series, Pipkins, that ran from 1973 to 1981.

Piggy and Wiggy – Of the 1930s-era British newspaper cartoon, Piggy and Wiggy - The Porker Twins.

Piglet – Winnie-the-Pooh's pal in A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh books.

Pigling Bland – Star of Beatrix Potter's children's book, *The Tale of Pigling Bland*.

Pippo – A toy pig made by Sanrio, the company that makes Hello Kitty.

Plopper/Spider-Pig/Harry Plopper – Pig adopted by The Simpsons in The Simpsons Movie (2007)

Porco Rosso – Anthropomorphic pig in the Japanese animated film of the same name (1992)

Porky, Petunia, Cicero, Hamton T. Pig – Of Porky Pig/Looney Tunes comics and cartoons fame. Porky was ranked number 47 on TV Guide's list of top 50 cartoon characters.

Prince Tonrariano the 3rd (a.k.a. **Iggy Pig**) – Citizen of the apple-shaped planet Buringo (Oinko), who, in the Japanese anime series, Tonde Burin, tells Karin that by saying "Ba Bi Bu Be Burin!" she can transform into a super-powered pink piglet called **Tonde Burin** (Super Pig).

Pua – Moana's pig in the Disney animated film, Moana (2016)

Pumbaa – Warthog character in Disney's 1994 animated feature, *The Lion King*.

Rasher – Dennis the Menace's pet pig.

Salomey – Last living *Hammus alabammus* and the Yokum family's pet pig.

Sir Oinksalot – Mascot of Springfield A&M University in *The Simpsons*.

Spekkie Big – Of the Dutch newspaper comic of the same name.

Toot and Puddle – Pigs in Hollie Hobby's book of the same name.

Toots – Main character in the Tim, Toots, and Teeny British comic strip that ran from 1929 to 1937.

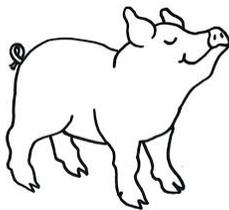
Treat Heart Bear – A plush stuffed toy and kids' book character, cousin to Care Bear.

Twrch Trwyth – An enchanted wild boar in Welsh myth.

Waddles – Mabel Pine's pet pig in the animated TV series, *Gravity Falls*.

Wagner – Anthropomorphic pig in the Finnish newspaper comic, *Viivi & Wagner*.

Wilbur – Friend of Charlotte the spider in *Charlotte's Web*, the wonderful children's book by E.B. White written in 1952 and made into a feature length cartoon in 1973. A direct-to-video cartoon, *Charlotte's Web 2; Wilbur's Great Adventure*, followed in 2003.



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