

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

QUOTES: regarding the beginning and the end

1. Human beings love stories because they safely show us beginnings, middles and ends. ~**A. S. Byatt**
2. Our story has three parts: a beginning, a middle, and an end. And although this is the way all stories unfold, I still can't believe that ours didn't go on forever. ~**Nicholas Sparks**
3. I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next. Delicious Ambiguity. ~**Gilda Radner**
4. Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. ~**Seneca**
5. There is no real ending. It's just the place where you stop the story. ~**Frank Herbert**
6. I always had this idea that you should never give up a happy middle in the hopes of a happy ending because there is no such thing as a happy ending. Do you know what I mean? There is so much to lose. ~**John Green**

7. The opposite of the happy ending is not actually the sad ending—the sad ending is sometimes the happy ending. The opposite of the happy ending is actually the unsatisfying ending. ~**Orson Scott Card**

8. Everything starts somewhere, though many physicists disagree. But people have always been dimly aware of the problem with the start of things. They wonder how the snowplough driver gets to work, or how the makers of dictionaries look up the spelling of words. ~**Terry Pratchett**

9. Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end: then stop. ~**Lewis Carroll**

10. There are only three possible endings —aren't there? — to any story: revenge, tragedy or forgiveness. That's it. All stories end like that. ~**Jeanette Winterson**

11. Life is not so much about beginnings and endings as it is about going on and on and on. It is about muddling through the middle. ~**Anna Quindlen**

12. Every thing must have a beginning ... and that beginning must be linked to something that went before. ~**Mary Shelley**

13. The beginning is the promise of the end. ~**Henry Ward Beecher**

14. In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move. ~**Douglas Adams**

15. If I didn't know the ending of a story, I wouldn't begin. I always write my last line, my last paragraph, my last page first. ~**Katherine Anne Porter**

16. The last thing one settles in writing a book is what one should put in first. ~**Pascal**

17. Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending. ~**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

18. A story has been thought to its conclusion when it has taken its worst possible turn. ~**Friedrich Durrenmatt**

19. This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning. ~**Winston Churchill**

20. And will I tell you that these three lived happily ever after? I will not, for no one ever does. But there was happiness. And they did live.  
~**Stephen King**

21. The beginning is the word and the end is silence. And in between are all the stories. ~**Kate Atkinson**