



F1 DRIVERS BEST QUOTES



Dear Reader

While collecting quotes for this book I was amazed at how many drivers there are in the F1 history. More than 800 drivers have participated in the F1 race weekends. We all remember the champions, but they would not exist without the other participants. This book gives the voice to the drivers who also deserve to be remembered, and not only the champions.

This book also involves a number of drivers that are left along the track. Drivers like Gilles Villeneuve, in the door of even greater success, or Jim Clark who was on the top of the world when he passed away. All the drivers are exposed to the same risks. Destiny is not necessarily only favorable to the champions.

After examining tens of thousands of quotes it is easy to see how the nature of the phrases has changed. During the early years of the sport, between 1950s and 1970s, approximately twenty drivers passed away each decade. In the beginning the sense of humor was extremely ironic before turning into a sarcasm while approaching the current decade. While this obviously involves a certain linkage to the driver. Alonso and Vettel are not so different as it might seem at first, but certainly different when comparing them the other drivers.

Many of these quotes symbolize the drivers. Kimi Räikkönen, Alain Prost, Bruce McLaren and Ayrton Senna provide us with brilliant quotes related to the sport. On the other hand, some of the not so well-known drivers, like Johnnie Parsons, Hernando da Silva Ramos and Brian Redman, have been able to crystallize their thoughts amazingly well. Many of the drivers' quotes have become classics. That is why the book has collected only the quotes that characterize the drivers.

There are differences in attitude between the drivers. Paul Frere reminiscent of the old Olympic spirit: "I didn't wish to be World Champion, I just wanted to take part". Michael Schumacher on the other hand tend to tell the hard and unyielding nature: "We are always there, we always fight, we never give up... that's why we are here."

May this book open the mindset of the drivers, and respect the similarities and the differences of the drivers' ways of thinking.

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Andrea de Adamich

Born 3 October 1941 Italy

Seasons 1968/1970-1973 Entries 36 Starts 30

"You have made the right choices every time."

"Designing a new winning car is a set of values and circumstances ranging from technology, creativity and luck."

Philippe Adams

Born 19 November 1969 Belgium

Seasons 1994 Entries 2 Starts 2

"Work for many years waiting a long time and start thinking that you'll never be able to be an F1 driver. "

Christijan Albers

Born 16 April 1979 Netherlands

Seasons 2005-2007 Entries 46 Starts 46

"I'm really motivated and fit and I definitely want to kick some ass."

"While other drivers play the Playstation, I was busy with my business."

Michele Alboreto

Born 23 December 1956 Italy

Seasons 1981-1994 Entries 215 Starts 194

***"When I wake up in the morning the first thing
I want to do is to drive, so as long as I have
this passion for racing I will continue."***

"It's not easy to drive for Ferrari."

Jean Alesi

Born 11 June 1964 Italy

Seasons 1989-2001 Entries 202 Starts 201

"You never really know how quick you are before you reach F1"

"We were the last generation to properly enjoy ourselves."

***"But what nobody knows is that Flavio and Nelson worked out
my Ferrari contract because I wasn't brave enough
to ask for money or things like a company car.
I'd have driven for free, but Nelson told me to ask for an
F40 and, when I gave the contract to Ferrari, they said:
'Not bad for a new boy!'"***

Jaime Alguersuari

Born 23 March 1990 Spain

Seasons 2009-2011 Entries 46 Starts 46

***"When you are passionate about something
it's easy to find time for it."***

Philippe Alliot

Born 27 July 1954 France

Seasons 1984–1990/1993–1994 Entries 116 Starts 109

***"I don't think age is important.
It depends on how you are in your head."***

"I used to worry what people thought about me."

Cliff Allison

Born 8 February 1932 United Kingdom

Seasons 1958-1961 Entries 18 Starts 16

***"I'm lucky to have lived through it.
As you can see so many of my friends didn't."***

Fernando Alonso

Born 29 July 1981 Spain

Seasons 2001/2003-2013 Entries 217 Starts 216

***"I might not be fastest,
or the most technical but I am consistent."***

***"I am very calm and relaxed, even romantic.
Actually, I'm a normal guy."***

"This is Formula One and not Cirque du Soleil."

***"There are always strange moments in this sport,
in all sports generally, but maybe in F1 a little more."***

*"If I had to choose between Hamilton or Vettel,
I would choose Raikkonen."*

*"For me, tomorrow will be another day whether
I finish first or last.
I have to do the maximum and
I cannot ask any more from myself."*

*"It is a nice feeling to have those records
but when you are on the track,
they don't count for anything."*

*"Formula One is a strange world but if you have clear values,
you can maintain the separation between truth and fiction.
If people praise you, you cannot let it go to your head,
because at the next race you could be criticized."*

*"Everyone wants to beat Michael (Schumacher) on the track
because it is the same as beating (Lance) Armstrong
in the Tour de France."*

*"I don't see any future at Ferrari for me.
To be honest, I've never really been
interested in that team at all.
I want to race for a team that can win races,
and that is Renault this year, but McLaren next year."*

*"Since I was a boy I had always wanted to drive for McLaren,
but sometimes in life things do not work out.
I continue to believe that McLaren is a great team.
Yes, we have had our ups and downs during the season,
which has made it extra-challenging for all of us,
and it is not a secret that I never really felt at home."*

"Ferrari gives you a special feeling."

"You cannot comment on everything you read everyday."

***"Having a good race involves a lot of factors,
including a bit of luck."***

Giovanna Amati

Born 20 July 1959 Italy

Seasons 1992 Entries 3 Starts 0

***"The biggest problem I have is that I am at the
centre of attention, because I am a woman."***

"I like to drive, I like to find the limits and I like the risk."

Chris Amon

Born 20 July 1943 New Zealand

Seasons 1963-1976 Entries 108 Starts 96

***"Christ, I used to complain that this thing
was underpowered, I must have been mad"***

***"Make this stronger, change this, change that',
and the bloody thing ended up being so bloody heavy
it wouldn't have been competitive anyway."***

***"I'd seen too many people fried in racing cars at that stage.
When you've driven past Bandini, Schlesser, Courage
and Williamson, another shunt like that was simply too much."***

Mario Andretti

Born 28 February 1940 Italy

Seasons 1968-1972/1974-1982 Entries 131 Starts 128

***“If everything seems under control,
you are just not going fast enough.”***

“You can tidy up speed, but you can't speed up tidiness.”

***“Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination
and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal,
a commitment to excellence that will
enable you to attain the success you seek.”***

***“My biggest concern during a race is getting bored.
The biggest thing I have to combat is falling asleep
while going around and around.”***

***“What I learned is that in business you must make decisions
based on facts, not react with your heart.”***

***“I count my blessings every day, quite honestly,
because I take nothing for granted.”***

***“Circumstances may cause interruptions and delays,
but never lose sight of your goal.”***

***“I recognize my limits but when I look around
I realize I am not living exactly in a world of giants.”***

“If you wait, all that happens is you get older.”

***"The car behaved fantastically.
It made the job easy for an old man."***

"The passport changes but the blood doesn't"

Michael Andretti

Born 5 October 1962 United States

Seasons 1993 Entries 13 Starts13

"You have to look at things rationally and not emotionally."

Marco Apicella

Born 7 October 1965 Italy

Seasons 1993 Entries 1 Starts 1

***"I'm better known for those 800 metres
than the rest of my motorsport exploits.***

***It is still a little crazy to me,
although I can understand why."***

Apicella got just 800m in his only F1 GP race.

"After that weekend, I had no further contact from anyone."

Mário de Araújo Cabral

Born 15 January 1934 Portugal

Seasons 1959-1960/1963-1964 Entries 5 Starts 4

***"My life is not only of race car driving,
which was nothing extraordinary."***

Rene Arnoux

Born 4 July 1948 France

Seasons 1978-1989 Entries 164 Starts 149

***"In Formula 1, you have to justify everything
and the pressure, for me, it was impossible,
sometimes, and not fun."***

Alberto Ascari

Born 13 July 1918 Italy Died 26 May 1955

Seasons 1950-1955 Entries 33 Starts 32

***"I never want my children to become too fond of me
because one day I might not come back
and they will suffer less if I don't come back."***

"My game is going wrong. The star is setting."

Ian Ashley

Born 26 October 1947 Germany

Seasons 1974-1977 Entries 11 Starts 4

"Motor racing can be terribly cruel."

Richard Attwood

Born 4 April 1940 United Kingdom

Seasons 1964-1965/1967-1969 Entries 17 Starts 16

***"We would want to win for the case of winning.
You didn't do it for the money."***

***"I never had a manager,
so all the thoughts I had were my own."***

***"My father certainly pushed me further than
I would have naturally gone"***

B

Luca Badoer

Born 25 January 1971Italy

Seasons 1993, 1995–1996/1999, 2009 Entries 58 Starts 50

***"The media played a fundamental role in
the decision to replace me."***

***"I realised my dream. I will always be able
to tell my kids I raced two races for Ferrari."***

Lorenzo Bandini

Born 21 December 1935 Libya Died 10 May 1967

Seasons 1961-1967 Entries 42 Starts 42

***"If you have to go, if it is written your time is that day,
you will die whether you go racing or not."***

"Fear does not help me."



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***"I feel that life is measured in achievement, not in years alone."
Bruce McLaren***

***"I always believed that you should never, ever give up
and you should always keep fighting. Even
when there is only a slightest chance."
Michael Schumacher***

***"Others can sit in the simulators if they want. I'm here to drive."
Kimi Raikkonen***

***"I like the feeling of fear."
Alfonso de Portago***

***"Fear is exciting for me."
Ayrton Senna***

***"Enzo Ferrari was a great man. But he was not a good man."
Phil Hill***

