

Fighting Words



Not only do I spend a lot of time reading books, but I spend a lot of time reading *about* books. I recently ran across Flavorwire's article '[The 30 Harshest Author-on-Author Insults In History](#)'^[1] and I have to admit that I laughed out loud. Collected here are real quotes from authors about authors - disparaging in a cruel but also often funny way. My favorite? Truman Capote on Jack Kerouac - "That's not writing, that's typing." Ha!

Curious about the lives of authors or interested in more author zingers? Check out these interesting books about authors:

[Fighting Words : Writers Lambast other Writers--from Aristotle to Anne Rice](#)^[2] edited by James Charlton




[Once again to Zelda: the Stories Behind Literature's Most Intriguing Dedications](#)^[3] by Marlene Wagman-Geller

[Remarkable Reads: 34 Writers and Their Adventures in Reading](#)^[4] by J. Peder Zane

[Artistic License: Three centuries of Good Writing and Bad Behavior](#)^[5] by Brooke Allen

[How I Write: the Secret Lives of Authors](#)^[6] edited by Dan Crowe with Philip Oltermann
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