

# Fighting Words



Not only do I spent 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' 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 , edited by James Charlton

Once again to Zelda: the Stories Behind Literature's Most Intriguing Dedications , by Marlene Wagman-Geller

Remarkable Reads: 34 Writers and Their Adventures in Reading , by J. Peder Zane

Artistic License: Three centuries of Good Writing and Bad Behavior , by Brooke Allen

How I Write: the Secret Lives of Authors , edited by Dan Crowe with Philip Oltermann  
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