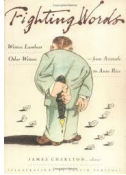


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Not only do I spent a lot of time reading books, but I spend a lot of time reading *about*

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:

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