

The Lessons Of Life...



On Being Real-

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"Real isn't how you are made," said the Skin Horse. "It's a thing that happens to you."

"Does it hurt?", asked the Rabbit.

"Sometimes", said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. "When you are Real you don't mind being hurt."

"Does it happen all at once, like being wound up," he asked, "or bit by bit?"

"It doesn't happen all at once", said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand."

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ON DREAMS —	Don't you understand...if you lose your dream, you die! — <i>Flash Dance, The Movie</i>
ON CHOICES —	I'd rather be lucky than smart; a lotta smart people aren't eatin' regular — <i>Sid Richardson, Texas oil billionaire, founder of the Bass family fortunes</i>
ON OPTIONS —	My old granddaddy told me, "It's a poor rat that's got only one hole to run to" — <i>Family Legend</i>
ON FRUSTRATION —	There are no unreal goals...just unreal time frames — <i>Don Hutson, National Speaker</i>
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ON BEING REALISTIC —	Don't fight a fact; deal with it — <i>Notes To Myself, Hugh Prather</i>
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ON WAGERING —	Never bet with a guy you meet on the first tee who has a deep sultan, a one iron in his bag and squinty eyes — <i>Mark McCormack, What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School</i>
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ON GOALS —	I already have everything except for what comes next...and that's what I want — <i>Geoffrey Lewis, Celestial Navigators</i>
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ON INTRODUCTIONS —	The worst sin of all is to do well that which need not be done at all — <i>Alexander Wallcott</i>
ON TOMORROWS —	May the rain beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there a shining pool where the blue heaven shines, and sometimes a star — <i>Prayer from an Irish Calendar</i>
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