Lord of the Flies Quotes

- "They used to call me Piggy!"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 1

- "The creature was a party of boys, marching..."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 1

- "You're no good on a job like this."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 1

- "Ralph sat on a fallen trunk, his left side to the sun. On his right were most of the choir; on his left the larger boys who had not known each other before...before him small children squatted in the grass."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 2

- "Have you got any matches?"
  - Ch. 2

- "We've got to have rules and obey them. After all, we're not savages. We're English, and the English are best at everything."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 2

- "You got your small fire all right."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 2

- "Then, amid the roar of bees in the afternoon sunlight, Simon found for the fruit they could not reach... passed them back down to the endless, outstretched hands."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 3

- "The candle-buds opened their wide white flowers... Their scent spilled out into the air and took possession of the island."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch.3

- "Here, invisible yet strong, was the taboo of the old life."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 4

- "He began to dance and his laughter became a bloodthirsty snarling."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 4

- "I painted my face--I stole up. Now you eat--all of you--and I--"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 4

- "Piggy, for all his ludicrous body, had brains. Ralph was a specialist in thought now, and could recognize thought in another."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 5

- "Serve you right if something did get you, you useless lot of cry-babies!"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 5

- "Daddy said they haven't found all the animals in the sea yet."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 5

- "Maybe there is a beast....maybe it's only us."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 5

- "The world, that understandable and lawful world, was slipping away."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 5
- "Even the sounds of nightmare from the other shelters no longer reached him, for
he was back to where came from, feeding the ponies with sugar over the garden wall."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 6

- "'You'll get back to where you came from.'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 7

- "'Kill the pig! Cut his throat! Kill the pig! Bash him in!'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 7

- "The desire to squeeze and hurt was over-mastering."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 7

- "'We musn't let anything happen to Piggy, must we?'
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 7

- "The only trouble was that he would never be a very good chess player."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 7

- "He says things like Piggy. He isn't a proper chief."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 8

- "Piggy was... so full of pride in his contribution to the good of society, that he
  helped to fetch wood."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 8

- "'This head is for the beast. It's a gift.'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 8

- "'You knew, didn't you? I'm part of you? Close, close, close! I'm the reason why it's
  no go? Why things are what they are?'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 8

- "'You're not wanted..."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 8

- "'Kill the beast! Cut his throat! Spill his blood!'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 9

- "They were glad to touch the brown backs of the fence that hemmed in the terror
  and made it governable."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 9

- "There were no words, and no movements but the tearing of teeth and claws."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 9

- "The water rose farther and dressed Simon's coarse hair with brightness. The line
  of his cheek silvered and the turn of his shoulder became sculptured marble."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 9

- "surrounded by a fringe of inquisitive bright creatures, itself a silver shape beneath
  the steadfast constellations, Simon's dead body moved out toward the open sea." Ch. 9

- "'We was on the outside. We never done nothing, we never seen nothing.'"
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 10

- "You can't tell what he might do."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Ch. 10

- "What could be safer than the bus center with its lamps and wheels?" Ch. 10
• "'It's come... It's real!'"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 10

• "'This is 'jus talk... I want my glasses.'"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "'after all we aren't savages really...'
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "A single drop of water that had escaped Piggy's fingers now flashed on the
delicate curve like a star."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "Behind them on the grass the headless and paunched body of a sow lay where
they had dropped it."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "Ralph--remember what we came for. The fire. My specs."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "Samneric protested out of the heart of civilization"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "You're a beast and a swine and a bloody, bloody thief!"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "Which is better--to have laws and agree, or to hunt and kill?"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "The rock struck Piggy a glancing blow from chin to knee; the conch exploded into
a thousand white fragments and ceased to exist."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Ch. 11

• "Piggy's arms and legs twitched a bit, like a pig's after it has been killed."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 11

• "Roger advanced... as one wielding a nameless authority."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 11

• "'They're not as bad as that. It was an accident.'"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12

• "Then there was that indefinable connection between himself and Jack; who
therefore would never let him alone...."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12

• "A star appeared... and was momentarily eclipsed by some movement."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12

• "Ralph launched himself like a cat; stabbed, snarling, with the spear, and the
savage doubled up."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12

• "What was the sensible thing to do? There was no Piggy to talk sense."
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12

• "Couldn't a fire outrun a galloping horse?"
  - William Golding, Lord of the Flies, Chapter 12
• "You'll get back."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Chapter 12

• "He saw a shelter burst into flames and the fire flapped at his right shoulder."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Chapter 12

• "In the stern-sheets another rating held a sub-machine gun."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Chapter 12

• "I should have thought that a pack of British boys... would have been able to put up a better show than that.""
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Chapter 12

• "Ralph wept for the end of innocence, the darkness of man's heart, and the fall through the air of the true, wise friend called Piggy."
  - William Golding, *Lord of the Flies*, Chapter 12