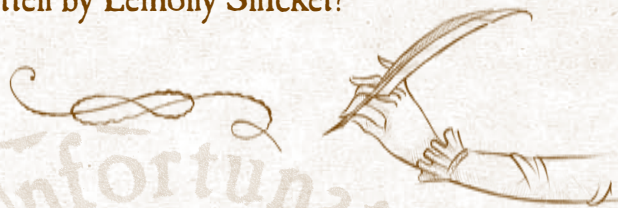


The Sad Sentences

If you are interested in stories filled with funny words and comforting sayings, you would be better off reading books by some other author. Which three of the quotations below were not written by Lemony Snicket?



1. Entertaining a notion, like entertaining a baby cousin or entertaining a pack of hyenas, is a dangerous thing to refuse to do.
2. Tragedies are stories that usually begin fairly happily and then steadily go downhill, until all of the characters are dead, wounded, or otherwise inconvenienced.
3. If you are allergic to a thing, it is best not to put that thing in your mouth, particularly if the thing is cats.
4. If you've been up all night and cried till you have no more tears left in you—you will know that there comes in the end a sort of quietness.
5. Some people think destiny is something you cannot escape, such as death, or a cheesecake that has curdled, both of which always turn up sooner or later.
6. The inside of the boat was like no other boat anyone had ever seen. It was painted a deep lapis lazuli blue with hundreds of hieroglyphs running along the deck inscribed in gold.
7. Unfortunate things can happen to celery as easily as they can happen to children.
8. Just about everything in this world is easier said than done, with the exception of "systematically assisting Sisyphus's stealthy, cyst-susceptible sister," which is easier done than said.
9. Cold settled on the world. The pasture was bleak and frozen. The cows stayed in the barn all the time now. The sheep stayed near the barn, too, for protection.
10. If you have ever slept in a covered casserole dish on the highest peak of a mountain range, then you know that it is an uncomfortable place to lay one's head, even if you find a dishtowel inside it that can serve as a blanket.

Answers: 4, 6, 6, 9 are not by Lemony Snicket. The correct sources are: 1) *The Vile Village*; 2) *The Carnivorous Carnival*; 3) *The Wide Window*; 4) *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis; 5) *The Penultimate Peril*; 6) *Septimus Heap, Book One: Magyk* by Angie Sage; 7) *The Austere Academy*; 8) *The Hostile Hospital*; 9) *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White; 10) *The Slippery Slope*

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