

Quotations about hospitality (1 of 4)

‘That boy is your company. And if he wants to eat up that tablecloth, you let him, you hear?’

Harper Lee, *To Kill A Mockingbird*

‘In the cherry blossom’s shade
there’s no such thing as a stranger.’

Kobayashi Issa

‘There is no hospitality like understanding.’

Vanna Bonta, *Flight: A Quantum Fiction Novel*

‘Like many other virtues, hospitality is practiced in its perfection by the poor. If the rich did their share, how would the woes of this world be lightened!’

C M Kirkland

‘If it were not for guests all houses would be graves.’

Kahlil Gibran

‘Hospitality is making your guests feel at home,
even if you wish they were.’

Anonymous

Quotations about hospitality (2 of 4)

'In hospitality, the chief thing is the good will.'

Greek proverb

'Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.'

1 Peter 4.8-9

'Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves... And Abraham hastened to the tent and said to Sarah, "Make ready three measures of fine flour, knead it and make cakes..."'

Genesis 18.3 and 6

*(A measure of flour is equivalent volume to about 14 pints / 2 gallons / 7 litres.
So three times that amount...is a LOT!)*

'Hospitality invites to prayer before it checks credentials, welcomes to the table before administering the entrance exam.'

Patrick Henry, *The Ironic Christian's Companion*

Quotations about hospitality (3 of 4)

'Hospitality means we take people into the space that is our lives and our minds and our hearts and our work and our efforts.

Hospitality is the way we come out of ourselves. It is the first step towards dismantling the barriers of the world.

Hospitality is the way we turn a prejudiced world around, one heart at a time.'

Joan D. Chittister, *Wisdom Distilled From The Daily*

'Eating, and hospitality in general, is a communion, and any meal worth attending by yourself is improved by the multiples of those with whom it is shared.'

Jesse Browner, *The Duchess Who Wouldn't Sit Down*

'Then the window-cleaner came down from his ladder, and he and the milkman and Mrs MacNally's Maureen and Mrs MacNally and Annie Rose and Mum and Alfie all went into the kitchen and had tea together.'

Shirley Hughes, *Alfie Gets In First*

'The Giant's heart melted as he looked out. "How selfish I have been", he said: "now I know why the Spring would not come here... I will knock down the wall, and my garden shall be the children's playground for ever and ever."'

Oscar Wilde, *The Selfish Giant*

Quotations about hospitality (4 of 4)

“There’s cold chicken inside it,” replied the Rat briefly;
“coldtonguecoldhamcoldbeefpickledgherkinssalad
frenchrollscresssandwichespottedmeatgingerbeer
lemonadesodawater...”

Kenneth Graham, *Wind In The Willows*

‘Sally was so pleased – she didn’t want her secret house to be secret any more! She wanted to show it to somebody. Her friend Rose was in the next-door garden playing in her sand-pit. “Come and have a tea party in my secret house,” said Sally.’

Shirley Hughes, *Sally’s Secret*

‘Sophie opened the door and there was a big, furry, stripy tiger. The tiger said, “Excuse me, but I’m very hungry. Do you think I could have tea with you?” Sophie’s mummy said, “Of course, come in.”’

Judith Kerr, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*

‘Pooh always liked a little something at eleven o’clock in the morning, and he was very glad to see Rabbit getting out the plates and mugs; and when Rabbit said, “Honey or condensed milk with your bread?” he was so excited that he said, “Both”, and then, so as not to seem greedy, he added, “But don’t bother about the bread, please.”’

A A Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*