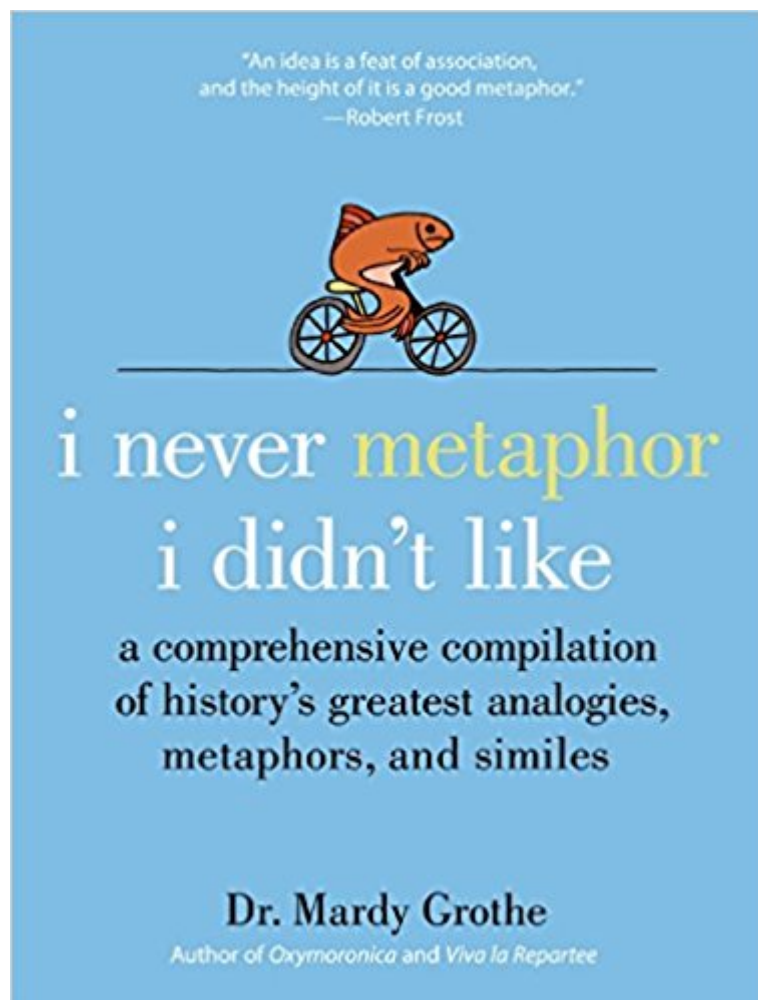




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# I Never Metaphor I Didn't Like: A Comprehensive Compilation Of History's Greatest Analogies, Metaphors, And Similes



## Synopsis

The murals in restaurants are on a par with the food in museums. America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people. Critics are like pigs at the pastry cart. Describing something by relating it to another thing is the essence of metaphorical thought. It is one of the oldest activities of humankind – and one of the most impressive when done skillfully. Throughout history, many masters of metaphor have crafted observations that are so spectacular they have taken up a permanent residence in our minds. In *I Never Metaphor I Didn't Like*, quotation maven Dr. Mardy Grothe fixes his attention on the three superstars of figurative language – analogies, metaphors, and similes. The result is an extraordinary compilation of nearly 2,000 feats of association that will entertain, educate, and occasionally inspire quotation lovers everywhere. In this intellectual smorgasbord, the author of *Oxymoronica* and *Viva la Repartee* explains figurative language in a refreshingly down-to-earth way before taking readers on a tour of history's greatest word pictures. In chapters on wit, love, sex, stage and screen, insults, politics, sports, and more, you will find quotations from Aristotle and Maya Angelou to George Washington and Oprah Winfrey.

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DR. MARDY GROTHE is a retired psychologist, management consultant, and platform speaker; the author of six “word and language” books, including *Oxymoronica* and *Viva la Repartee*; and the creator of Dr. Mardy’s *Dictionary of Metaphorical Quotations*. Dr. Mardy – as his many fans worldwide know him – is one of America’s most

beloved quotation anthologists. He lives in Southern Pines, North Carolina, with his wife, Katherine Robinson.

I have yet to read a book by Mardy Grothe that is not deeply engrossing, encourages lots of reflection and is often hilarious at the same time. This is one of five I own, most of which I have read three or four times apiece. The amazing part is that the books are all about words and language! The book is primarily about metaphors and the author cautions that the reader should not speed read but think about each saying. I found it hard not to follow his advice because the more I would think about each metaphor, the more levels of meaning I would discover. If you want a reading experience that delights and informs I strongly recommend this or any of his other books.

Fantastic book for people that love words and usage and language. While I have metaphors I didn't like, this book doesn't have any bad things in it.

Makes me smile. I'm busy writing a book, and found this and two other books very helpful, and by the same author. Mardy Grothe. The other two are Oxymoronica and Ifferisims. Very help full is funny quotes. You can tell, a lot of research went into these books.

Purchased for my 18 yr old son's Christmas stocking. Hes not a big reader, but appreciates clever language. We've enjoyed the sharing of his new found wisdom!

With "i never metaphor i didn't like" [sic] Dr. Mardy Grothe once again succeeds in deriving both amusement and plenty of food-for-thought from the nuances of figures of speech-this time from metaphor, simile, and analogy. This is another of his books worthy of multiple browsings for examples of linguistic wit, wisdom, pathos, and bathos thoughtfully arranged by subject. Dr. Grothe intersperses the quotations with background information, anecdotes, and reference linkages that enhance the reader's enjoyment and make the book more than just a list of quotations. I've thoroughly perused all of his figure-of-speech books, and I'm sure this one will wind up as well thumbed as his others on my shelf. His introduction provides a quick brush-up on the characteristics of analogies, metaphors, and similes that is bright and readable without being tedious. And his index by author will be appreciated by anyone seeking specific who-said-whats that are scattered among various topics. Mardy triumphs again in showing the feedback loop by which our language influences our thoughts and our thoughts influence our language.

Dr. Grothe has a better understanding of the English language than any college professor I ever had. Very interesting reading!

Wonderful book of quotes, and a decent, reader friendly breakdown of analogy/metaphor/simile.

I thought I already had most of the great quotations in my personal collection. After reading Dr. Grothe's "I Never Met a Metaphor I Didn't Like", I found that not to be true. I was amazed at how many great quotations there were in the book that I had not seen before. Other thicker, more expensive quotation books merely offer a list of quotations. It is then up to the reader to wade through the book to find those quotations worth keeping. Dr. Grothe's book is more like a conversation, as he explains the story behind many of the quotations. I consider "I Never Met a Metaphor I Didn't Like" to be the best quotation book that I own.

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