

# Who Said It?

By Rachel Stewart

*Say what you will about moms and motherhood. These pundits certainly did. Can you match the author with the quote?*

- 1.** “It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?”



Mark Twain

- 2.** “To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow.”



Roseanne Barr

- 3.** “If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.”



J.D. Salinger

- 4.** “My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.”



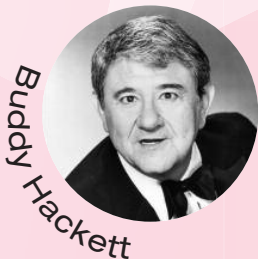
Emma Bombeck

**5.** “When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.”



**6.** “If the kids are still alive when my husband gets home from work, I’ve done my job.”

**7.** “When your children are teenagers, it’s important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you.”



**8.** “The best way to keep children at home is to make the atmosphere pleasant. And let the air out of the tires.”

**9.** “Mothers are all slightly insane.”



**10.** “My mother’s menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it.”

**Answers:**  
 1. Mahatma Gandhi 2. Maya Angelou 3. Stevie Wonder 4. Mark Twain 5. Erma Bombeck 6. Roseanne Barr  
 7. Nora Ephron 8. Dorothy Parker 9. J.D. Salinger 10. Buddy Hackett

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