

Alison Bechdel

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I suppose that a lifetime spent hiding one's erotic truth could have a cumulative renunciatory effect. Sexual shame is in itself a kind of death.

~Alison Bechdel

I just have this sort of entrepreneurial spirit and I work really hard at promoting myself.

~Alison Bechdel

Was Daedalus really stricken with grief when Icarus fell into the sea?
Or just disappointed by the design failure

~Alison Bechdel

The secret subversive goal of my work is to show that women, not just lesbians, are regular human beings.

~Alison Bechdel

And partly, the worst thing you could do in my family was need something from someone. So physical strength represented an avenue of self-sufficiency to me.

~Alison Bechdel

Even drawing gray hair at all is difficult to render in black and white.

~Alison Bechdel

It's a hard thing to age a character because you can't really suddenly give someone gray hair.

~Alison Bechdel

I'll watch a movie only if it meets the following criteria: 1. It has to have at least two women in it. 2. Who talk to each other. 3. About something besides a man.

~Alison Bechdel

If it weren't for the unconventionality of my desires, my mind might never have been forced to reckon with my body.

~Alison Bechdel

It's our very capacity for self-consciousness that makes us self-destructive!

~Alison Bechdel

The writing is hard, and the drawing is fun. It's very satisfying to see a drawing start to come together.

~Alison Bechdel

I don't know, maybe it's because I was raised Catholic. Confession has always held a great appeal for me.

~Alison Bechdel

When I was growing up in the 1960s, there was starting to be more books geared towards young adults.

~Alison Bechdel

I started to get bored with that stuff about only drawing men and I've taken it out of the slideshow.

~Alison Bechdel

Well, I'm always working on my comic strip and trying to, you know, keep cranking that out.

~Alison Bechdel

I grew to resent the way my father treated his furniture like children, and his children like furniture.

~Alison Bechdel

Partly I resented being perceived as weak because I was a girl.

~Alison Bechdel

Sometimes I wish the writing and drawing were more integrated.

~Alison Bechdel

It was a vicious cycle, though. The more gratification we found in our own geniuses, the more isolated we grew.

~Alison Bechdel

The web is my unconscious but it's also a wish -- a fantasy of what my own creativity might look like if I weren't constantly impeding its flow.

~Alison Bechdel

The satiric ethos of Mad was a much bigger childhood influence.

~Alison Bechdel

Watching everyone root through their psyche, it just delights me. Especially R. Crumb's stuff.

~Alison Bechdel

Grief takes many forms, including the absence of grief

~Alison Bechdel

For some reason writing and drawing are very separate processes for me.

~Alison Bechdel

I'm glad mainstream culture is starting to catch up to where lesbian-feminism was 30 years ago.

~Alison Bechdel

I wish I had a typical workday. I struggle to get up at seven and almost always fail. I just try to get to my office as soon as I can, but it's always later than I would like.

~Alison Bechdel

What would happen if we spoke the truth?

~Alison Bechdel

Who embalms the Undertaker when he dies?

~Alison Bechdel

I get to do for a living what I did as a child for fun, and that's pretty cool.

~Alison Bechdel

Basically, my work is play. It never actually feels that way - I'm always aiming to attain that state. But I get to do for a living what I did as a child for fun, and that's pretty cool.

~Alison Bechdel

If there was ever a bigger pansy than my father, it was Marcel Proust.

~Alison Bechdel

I love Jules Feiffer. I didn't discover him until I was a little older.

~Alison Bechdel

I probably read Harriet the Spy about 70,000 times.

~Alison Bechdel

Mostly it was Mad magazine. And I did read a lot of - I had a subscription when I was little, but I also had access to some old collections, the little paperbacks of the really good stuff.

~Alison Bechdel

I'm pretty illiterate when it comes to comics history.

~Alison Bechdel

Yeah, I read Judy Blume. My mother didn't like that, but I read it anyhow.

~Alison Bechdel

But I read comic books. I read things like Richie Rich and Little Lulu.

~Alison Bechdel

I'd been upstaged, demoted from protagonist in my own drama to comic relief in my parents' tragedy

~Alison Bechdel

I still found literary criticism to be a suspect activity

~Alison Bechdel

It was not a triumphal return. Home, as I had known it, was gone.

~Alison Bechdel

It's imprecise and insufficient, defining the homosexual as a person whose gender expression is at odds with his or her sex.

~Alison Bechdel

You can't live and write at the same time.

~Alison Bechdel

I just met someone who read *Gone With the Wind* 62 times for exactly that same reason. She couldn't bear that it wasn't real. She wanted to live in it.

~Alison Bechdel

I tend to write first thing, and then do my drawing later. I like to draw at night. But often I go for long stretches without drawing, because I'm trying to figure out what I'm writing.

~Alison Bechdel

She has given me a way out.

~Alison Bechdel

Autobiographical comics, I love them. I love them.

~Alison Bechdel

I never really read superhero stuff as a kid.

~Alison Bechdel

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