

# Art Spiegelman Quotes

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Well, I am not 100 percent sure of the definition of polemic, but it wasn't meant to convince anybody of anything.

~Art Spiegelman

Comics are a gateway drug to literacy.

~Art Spiegelman

To die, it's easy. But you have to struggle for life.

~Art Spiegelman

No matter what I accomplish, it doesn't seem like much compared to surviving Auschwitz.

~Art Spiegelman

I became a degenerate artist. My parents were shaped by their own experiences, and artists weren't so useful in the death camps.

~Art Spiegelman

With any work worth its salt, you have to trust the author enough to take its measure. And if you apply too many preconceptions, you are not taking its measure.

~Art Spiegelman

There's a therapeutic aspect to all making, but the nature of working is to compress, condense, and shape stuff, not to just expunge it. It's not just an exorcism.

~Art Spiegelman

When a technology is replaced by another technology, the previous technology either becomes art or it dies.

~Art Spiegelman

A manifesto, a diary, a crumpled suicide note, and a still relevant love letter.

~Art Spiegelman

I always had more allergies toward the superhero comics than the others. I thought those were aimed more toward the people who would beat me up.

~Art Spiegelman

Samuel Beckett once said, "Every word is like an unnecessary stain on silence and nothingness." ...On the other hand, he SAID it.

~Art Spiegelman

Comics can be pernicious, fascist propaganda or anti-authoritarian. The ones that shaped me were particularly anti-authoritarian.

~Art Spiegelman

It's not an accident that, while bookstores are all in a tizzy, one of the more lively and alive sections is the so-called "graphic novel" section, because those are harder to replace.

~Art Spiegelman

I always have been and will remain someone who loves real, 3D, substantial books. And I don't believe that it's a wistful, nostalgic interest like vinyl collectors. It's not the same thing.

~Art Spiegelman

I'm supposed to be making comics, so I had to do it the best way I knew how, which is what those guys at the beginning of the Twentieth Century were doing.

~Art Spiegelman

I live in my own bubble. I was looking for an audience that wouldn't necessarily be looking for escapism when they came to my comics.

~Art Spiegelman

What we're losing culturally the fastest, aside from natural resources and oil and the idea of democracy and social justice, is the ability to concentrate.

~Art Spiegelman

Style is a capitalist invention. It's a trademark. It's very useful in the world of commerce to have a good trademark, but it wasn't my first concern. I got restless

~Art Spiegelman

Sometimes I don't feel like a functioning adult

~Art Spiegelman

I wanted to create comics as soon as a I learned humans were behind them, that they were not natural phenomena like trees and boulders.

~Art Spiegelman

Comics seem to be cooking these days. It's like being a rock star.

~Art Spiegelman

In 1908, you could easily earn \$20 to \$200 as a cartoonist. What's amazing is that it's still true!

~Art Spiegelman

Some of the reviewers wanted less. Some wanted lots more. Some wanted lots more of something else. But these strips are exactly what they are.

~Art Spiegelman

Instead of yelling at a TV set, I get to talk.

~Art Spiegelman

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