

Austin Kleon Quotes

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Creativity, Mean, Hard Work, Inspirational, Want, Artist, Stuff, Running, Looks,
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The only way to find your voice is to use it. It's hardwired, built into you. Talk about the things you love. Your voice will follow.

~Austin Kleon

Usually, when we talk about creativity, it's about self-expression, which is great, but for work to be art or design, there has to be someone on the other end. The audience makes the work come alive.

~Austin Kleon

Don't wait until you know who you are to get started.

~Austin Kleon

Be curious about the world in which you live. Look things up. Chase down every reference. Go deeper than anybody else--that's how you'll get ahead.

~Austin Kleon

You can't be content with mastery; you have to push yourself to become a student again.

~Austin Kleon

You're only going to be as good as the stuff you surround yourself with.

~Austin Kleon

The thing is: It takes a lot of energy to be creative. You don't have that energy if you waste it on other stuff.

~Austin Kleon

Don't worry about doing research. Just search.

~Austin Kleon

You can't find your voice if you don't use it.

~Austin Kleon

Today isn't just another day. Today I'll create something beautiful.

~Austin Kleon

Every new idea is just a mashup or a remix of one or more previous ideas.

~Austin Kleon

You are, in fact, a mashup of what you choose to let into your life. You are the sum of your influences. The German writer Goethe said, "We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."

~Austin Kleon

Write the book you want to read

~Austin Kleon

Read deeply. Stay open. Continue to wonder.

~Austin Kleon

The more good ideas you collect, the more you can choose from to be influenced by.

~Austin Kleon

There's a balance between what you want to give the world and what it needs. If you're lucky, your work is in the middle.

~Austin Kleon

Travel makes the world look new, and when the world looks new, our brains work harder.

~Austin Kleon

Collect books, even if you don't plan on reading them right away. Filmmaker John Waters has said, "Nothing is more important than an unread library."

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If you're worried about giving your secrets away, you can share your dots without connecting them.

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The biggest task in the morning is to try to keep my headspace from being invaded by the outside world.

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Be boring. (It's the only way to get work done.)

~Austin Kleon

The minute you learn something, turn around and teach it to others.

~Austin Kleon

The artist is a collector. Not a hoarder, mind you, there's a difference: Hoarders collect indiscriminately, artists collect selectively. They only collect things that they really love.

~Austin Kleon

Be nice. (The world is a small town.)

~Austin Kleon

If you ever find you're the most talented person in the room, you need to find another room.

~Austin Kleon

In order to be found, you have to be findable.

~Austin Kleon

What a good artist understands is that nothing comes from nowhere. All creative work builds on what came before. Nothing is completely original.

~Austin Kleon

Unless you are actually a ninja, a guru, or a rock star, don't ever use any of those terms in your bio. Ever.

~Austin Kleon

Dig into almost every overnight success story and you'll find about a decade's worth of hard work and perseverance.

~Austin Kleon

The best advice is not to write what you know, it's to write what you like.

~Austin Kleon

Become a documentarian of what you do.

~Austin Kleon

If we're free from the burden of trying to be completely original, we can stop trying to make something out of nothing, and we can embrace influence instead of running from it.

~Austin Kleon

You're ready. Start making stuff.

~Austin Kleon

Amateurs know that contributing something is better than contributing nothing.

~Austin Kleon

Inertia is the death of creativity

~Austin Kleon

The best way to get started on the path of sharing your work is to think about what you want to learn, and make a commitment to learning it in front of others.

~Austin Kleon

Do good work and share it with people.

~Austin Kleon

Copying is about reverse-engineering.

~Austin Kleon

School is one thing. Education is another. The two don't always overlap. Whether you're in school or not, it's always your job to get yourself an education.

~Austin Kleon

So go on, get angry. But keep your mouth shut and go do your work.

~Austin Kleon

Keep all your passions in your life.

~Austin Kleon

There's an intuition learned through our work. Teaching others doesn't mean they can just go out and replicate it.

~Austin Kleon

Enjoy your obscurity while it lasts.

~Austin Kleon

Obituaries are like near-death experiences for cowards.

~Austin Kleon

It sounds a little extreme, but in this day and age, if your work isn't online, it doesn't exist.

~Austin Kleon

Eat breakfast. Do some push-ups. Go for long walks. Get plenty of sleep.

~Austin Kleon

If you want fans, you have to be a fan first.

~Austin Kleon

You'll either find the answer or you'll come up with a better question.

~Austin Kleon

Marriage is two people in love standing in the same bathroom

~Austin Kleon

We found the future, like birds fly into windows.

~Austin Kleon

Every artist gets asked the question, 'Where do you get your ideas?'
The honest artist answers, 'I steal them.'

~Austin Kleon

The computer brings out the uptight perfectionist in us - we start editing ideas before we have them.

~Austin Kleon

Nothing is more paralyzing than the idea of limitless possibilities.

~Austin Kleon

Google everything. I mean everything. Google your dreams, Google your problems. Don't ask a question before you Google it. You'll either find the answer or you'll come up with a better question.

~Austin Kleon

It's in the act of making things that we figure out who we are.

~Austin Kleon

When people give advice, they're really just talking to themselves in the past.

~Austin Kleon

The people who get what they're after are very often the ones who just stick around long enough.

~Austin Kleon

In the end, creativity isn't just the things we choose to put in, it's the things we choose to leave out.

~Austin Kleon

Establishing and keeping a routine can be even more important than having a lot of time.

~Austin Kleon

Art that only comes from the head isn't any good. Watch any good musician and you'll see what I mean.

~Austin Kleon

Show your work, and when the right people show up, pay close attention to them, because they'll have a lot to show you.

~Austin Kleon

Creative people need time to just sit around and do nothing.

~Austin Kleon

Pretend to be making something until you actually make something.

~Austin Kleon

Don't think of your website as a self-promotion machine, think of it as a

self-invention machine.

~Austin Kleon

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