

# Berkeley Breathed Quotes

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Thinking, Boys, Hands, Childhood, Wall, Influence, Sometimes, Daughter,  
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I ignore Hallmark Holidays. And this comes from a guy who has sold a million Opus greeting cards.

~Berkeley Breathed

I will go to my grave in a state of abject endless fascination that we all have the capacity to become emotionally involved with a personality that doesn't exist.

~Berkeley Breathed

It's never too late to have a happy childhood.

~Berkeley Breathed

Cartooning is about deconstruction: you gotta tear something down to make a joke.

~Berkeley Breathed

I hate smoothies. Because they won't offer Firestone IPA beer as an ingredient.

~Berkeley Breathed

If I could have drawn a cat yelling for lasagna every day for 15 years and have them pay me \$30 million to do so, I would have.

~Berkeley Breathed

I knew 'Mars Needs Moms!' would be a movie seconds after the title came to mind. Similarly, I also knew that my daughter would be calling me a dork as a default term of endearment eventually.

~Berkeley Breathed

I can say that even in the midst of my most cynical comic stripping: Opus shone through with a bit of heart, anchoring the ugly proceedings with a comforting pull of emotion.

~Berkeley Breathed

He comic page is dying; I didn't want to go with it.

~Berkeley Breathed

I'd be a Libertarian, if they weren't all a bunch of tax-dodging professional whiners.

~Berkeley Breathed

It was a huge challenge to learn digital painting well enough so that computers don't pop into mind when one sees one.

~Berkeley Breathed

The universe throws us some obvious little pitches sometimes, and we need to be awake enough not to let them slip by.

~Berkeley Breathed

Steve Dallas...a frat-boy lawyer who I knew in school. He's never written me. I suspect he was shot by an annoyed girlfriend, which has saved me many legal fees.

~Berkeley Breathed

Irony can elude the genius among us, sometimes.

~Berkeley Breathed

And just as it is with all proper grannies, she ordered me into my pink bunny jammies.

~Berkeley Breathed

'Harry Potter' shouldn't be children's first experience with suspense and plot turns.

~Berkeley Breathed

I'll confess right here that I secretly wish I'd have drawn a strip about a little boy with a fake tiger, going for adventures throughout the universe in spaceships of his imagination.

~Berkeley Breathed

I was never asked to join the Editorial Cartoonists Of America. No fraternity would have me in college, either. I think they know something.

~Berkeley Breathed

It's not terribly dignified to have anyone seeing one laugh at one's own material.

~Berkeley Breathed

I grew up in Los Angeles and always wished I'd spent a childhood in a far different place.

~Berkeley Breathed

My kids hear me behind my door, giggling like an idiot, and they roll their eyes at the blatant indignity of it all.

~Berkeley Breathed

A mind is a terrible thing. All this evolution nonsense is making me feel like a complete APE!

~Berkeley Breathed

Doonesbury had the requisite and overwhelming influence in 1980, as it did on any college cartoonist who was paying attention, of course.

~Berkeley Breathed

I don't get fan mail. It disappeared with the digital revolution.

~Berkeley Breathed

The cartooning was always just an abstraction. It was an income. It was making me famous. It was allowing me to go and do other things that I'd wanted to do.

~Berkeley Breathed

My post-child period resulted in one instant change: I write shorter books for kids.

~Berkeley Breathed

Keep in mind that in 1985, I had a potential readership of over 50 million Americans. At that time, a good portion of those were under 30.

~Berkeley Breathed

If nothing is serious anymore, then there's nothing to satirize.

~Berkeley Breathed

I started as a news photographer at the University Of Texas' Daily Texan.

~Berkeley Breathed

I paint digitally now. A pity, in some ways, as the biggest price one pays is that you no longer have a finished piece of physical art to hang on a wall. I miss that terribly.

~Berkeley Breathed

Some of us find our lives abridged even before the paperback comes out.

~Berkeley Breathed

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