

Billy Corgan Quotes

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I believe that if the Tribune company ever tries to close down Wrigley Field that you will have a protest from every corner of the globe.

~Billy Corgan

If practice makes perfect, and no one's perfect, then why practice?

~Billy Corgan

The ideology of the Smashing Pumpkins was ultimately more valuable than the music of the Smashing Pumpkins. That's what critics can't put their finger on.

~Billy Corgan

I never wanted to leave the Smashing Pumpkins. That was never the plan.

~Billy Corgan

I think a spiritual journey is not so much a journey of discovery. It's a journey of recovery. It's a journey of uncovering your own inner nature. It's already there.

~Billy Corgan

Great music completely obliterates any conceptions of genre.

~Billy Corgan

I was part of a generation that changed the world - and it was taken over by poseurs.

~Billy Corgan

Saturn Return is just the return of your planets to their original position.

~Billy Corgan

Compliments and criticism are all ultimately based on some form of projection.

~Billy Corgan

Where is this great love for rock and roll that existed for 50 or 60 years?

~Billy Corgan

My pat line about the Cubs and payroll is that the amount of merchandise the Cubs would sell off a world series championship would more than cover for a big payroll.

~Billy Corgan

Like any good tree that one would hope to grow, we must set our roots deep into the ground so that what is real will prosper in the Light of Love.

~Billy Corgan

We've turned into a whining society.

~Billy Corgan

I had concussions as a kid playing football and basketball, and know what it feels like and to have someone say 'Just rub some dirt on it, and get back in there.'

~Billy Corgan

Once a pumpkin, Always a pumpkin.

~Billy Corgan

To me, music was about being accepted and escaping from this crummy existence.

~Billy Corgan

Thinking about the future and thinking about the past is really only a way of ignoring the present.

~Billy Corgan

Why is it that all non-conformists look the same?

~Billy Corgan

I'm a Pisces, and Pisces have this weird inability to be completely spontaneous. We're too conscious of our actions. I've always been way too sensible for my own good.

~Billy Corgan

Been there, done that, seen it, heard it, pissed on it.

~Billy Corgan

Heavy metal is a universal energy -- it's the sound of a volcano. It's rock, it's earth shattering. Somewhere in our primal being we understand.

~Billy Corgan

I'm sort of like a lame, single guy in a red sports car.

~Billy Corgan

Your basic person wants to talk about material culture, internet culture. I think about God, cats, nature.

~Billy Corgan

I usually wake up far after breakfast. That's as much as you're going to find out about my dietary requirements other than marijuana and vodka.

~Billy Corgan

Most great records really start with the drums.

~Billy Corgan

Don't judge yourself by someone else's standards. You will always lose

~Billy Corgan

We need to get back to a level of social responsibility that we haven't

seen for a long time.

~Billy Corgan

People think I take some sort of masochistic pleasure out of putting out music that's gonna be unpopular.

~Billy Corgan

I'm from a lower middle class background; all my family were immigrants.

~Billy Corgan

Even if you don't believe in God, exploring fully the idea of a God or Gods should pose no threat to you.

~Billy Corgan

Sometimes people just like being around each other, and good things come out of that.

~Billy Corgan

The deeper I get into my life as a musician, I'm discovering that it becomes less and less about other people, and more about what I want to do. And that's a good place to be.

~Billy Corgan

If I have resistance to something, it means there's something wrong. The resistance to me is a sign of fear.

~Billy Corgan

Indie world won't have me, and mainstream world treats me like an alien, but here I am still floating between these two worlds.

~Billy Corgan

Do I belong in the conversation about the best artists in the world? My answer is yes, I do.

~Billy Corgan

The funny thing about me that most people never really understand is that, at heart, I'm really a jock.

~Billy Corgan

The reason I don't play any of the old songs is because I really honor my old band, and I think that those songs are best served within the context of that band.

~Billy Corgan

In my case I don't mind playing a character that irritates people or makes people question my sanity.

~Billy Corgan

For a 6-foot-3 guy with no hair and a whiny voice, I've done all right.

~Billy Corgan

I lay a lot of blame at the feet of Dusty Baker for not being more strict about fundamentals, which I think would give the team a stronger day-to-day identity.

~Billy Corgan

I'm attacking the pomposity that says this is more valuable than that. I'm sick of that.

~Billy Corgan

You will never see the four original Pumpkins on stage ever again, unless it's a Hall of Fame thing. But you would never see a tour. There's so much damage, there's no way.

~Billy Corgan

I'll come in with a string of riffs and direct the musical ideas. But you still need a band and their input to make the ideas come alive. You can't

underestimate band chemistry.

~Billy Corgan

The Pumpkins love rock-and-roll, we absolutely love it, but we also think it's a flatulent, ego-serving kiddie playground. You can have your cake and eat it too.

~Billy Corgan

I feel like I'm always fighting not to repeat myself.

~Billy Corgan

Well, all rock and roll is based in artifice.

~Billy Corgan

Wrestling is one of the last truly rebellious American things left.

~Billy Corgan

Radiohead and Our Lady Peace are doing the seven layers of guitar, and I kind of jumped on that before anyone else did.

~Billy Corgan

The desire to hit a big home run is dominating the music business.

~Billy Corgan

I walked away from going to church when I was 8. I didn't set foot in another church until I was 28.

~Billy Corgan

I'm definitely responsible for coming in with some basic chord changes, or ideas. Everybody in the band looks to me to come up with the basic seed, so it's not very productive to come in with nothing.

~Billy Corgan

In our lives in a lot of ways it's all about fake. You've got people wanting

things for fake reasons.

~Billy Corgan

I want people to see me happy.

~Billy Corgan

Jesus teaches us to forgive and I've got to trust him on that one.

~Billy Corgan

Time is never time at all. You can never ever leave without leaving a piece of youth. And our lives are forever changed. We will never be the same. The more you change, the less you feel.

~Billy Corgan

For someone who's had the level of success I've had, there's been very little critical review of my work, which is pretty fascinating.

~Billy Corgan

Rock and Roll is still asking people like me to live up to the old guard's concept of what success is but it doesn't mean anything.

~Billy Corgan

My step-mom would tell me that she would get complaints from adults that I stared too much at them.

~Billy Corgan

Stay in school. Lie to your teachers, but stay in school.

~Billy Corgan

I didn't grow up with my mother, and so losing her for real was like, some sort of latent childhood, some sort of unresolved issue. When she left for real, it was sort of like, I was done.

~Billy Corgan

In a weird kind of way, music has afforded me an idealism and perfectionism that I could never attain as me.

~Billy Corgan

Despite all my rage I am still just a rat in the cage.

~Billy Corgan

I was brought up Roman Catholic. I'm not even baptized.

~Billy Corgan

Most people don't know that wrestling came out of the circus.

~Billy Corgan

We love cats more than we love women [with Marilyn Manson].

~Billy Corgan

If you don't fit into this kind of like gossipy, trendy, Web-hit thingy, you're relegated to sort of second-class celebrity status.

~Billy Corgan

You give me a @#\$%& kazoo and I'll write you a good song.

~Billy Corgan

There's a difference between being a poseur and being someone who's so emotionally challenged they're kind of just doing their best to show you what they've got.

~Billy Corgan

I don't have any sentimental notion about how people are going to remember me.

~Billy Corgan

The weird nihilism that permeates Mellon Collie is extremely relevant to what's going on right now. So many kids are intelligent and articulate,

but they don't know what to do with themselves.

~Billy Corgan

I've been too productive for too long, and despite what anybody wants to strip away from me, I am influential. I am.

~Billy Corgan

The Smashing Pumpkins was never meant to be a small band. It was going to either be a big band, or a no band.

~Billy Corgan

I was trying to be this person who is cool, eternally rocking.

~Billy Corgan

I do not trust those who make the vaccines, or the apparatus behind it all to push it on us thru fear.

~Billy Corgan

When I've tried to reinvent the wheel, I get bashed for not doing the familiar things.

~Billy Corgan

I'm very disappointed in my country right now, because I think we've kind of lost our moral compass.

~Billy Corgan

Smashing Pumpkins has never been a band about hit songs.

~Billy Corgan

Shave your head, wear a 'ZERO' shirt. Take away your identity. What do you have? You still have yourself.

~Billy Corgan

I have a hard time thinking of men trying to sing my songs, because I

think my perspective is definitely feminine.

~Billy Corgan

Well, I'm known as a guitar-rock guy, you know? You're not supposed to play with synthesizers. This is not in the rulebook.

~Billy Corgan

And the world so hard to understand is the world you can't live without.

~Billy Corgan

The title of a song is like the wrapping on a present.

~Billy Corgan

One thing I've learned to appreciate as I've gotten a little older is direct forms of communication.

~Billy Corgan

You've got to be ready to be in a great relationship.

~Billy Corgan

The music is all we care about -- so if that's bad, then we're bad.

~Billy Corgan

What most people do is try to find a comfortable persona that they're in alignment with and the public likes and appreciates them for.

~Billy Corgan

I want to make great songs.

~Billy Corgan

It's important for people to talk and get beyond the wall of Facebook and social media.

~Billy Corgan

I'm like the Fugitive, running from the one-armed indie-rock community!

~Billy Corgan

Being in a rock band is just an excuse not to get a job

~Billy Corgan

The point is to let the music be itself. If it doesn't mean anything to you, then it's bullsh*t.

~Billy Corgan

I don't wanna play this kind of cartoon character anymore.

~Billy Corgan

I don't think we're the type of band people look at and say, 'I want to grow up to be just like that'. We're like a train wreck.

~Billy Corgan

I do not think wrestling is going to save the world.

~Billy Corgan

These days you're not just competing with the tedium, you're competing with the cellphone.

~Billy Corgan

I always thought Kurt Cobain was the perfect embodiment of the great alternative guitar player.

~Billy Corgan

If you've sold over a million records, you are not punk rock, you are milking the system for everything that it's worth.

~Billy Corgan

I've become a guy who's like a complaining, whining neurotic.

~Billy Corgan

I grew up in a house of no love or emotion - it kind of sticks with you.

~Billy Corgan

I like my home and I like the nature.

~Billy Corgan

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