

# Brian P. Cleary

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Reading, Gossip, Peers, School, Names, Writing, Gun, Interesting,  
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Our cat is kind dove shellfish, and thinks the world is hers, She finds a comfy spot and then we pet turtle sheep purrs.

~Brian P. Cleary

When a kid says "smell my hand," it almost never smells like cinnamon.

~Brian P. Cleary

Any cupcake consumed before 9AM is, technically, a muffin.

~Brian P. Cleary

Whatever story you're telling, it will be more interesting if, at the end you add, "and then everything burst into flames.

~Brian P. Cleary

A good friend will help you plant your tulips. A great friend will help you plant a gun on the unarmed intruder you just shot.

~Brian P. Cleary

It's not technically gossip if you start your sentence with "I'm really concerned about \_\_\_\_\_," (fill in the name of the person you're not gossiping about).

~Brian P. Cleary

When a kid can understand that a word can mean two things, there's some real thinking going on. They have a vested interest in finding out what a word means, because it's the punch line to a joke.

~Brian P. Cleary

It's perfectly okay if you don't understand every single one of them. For one thing, I make a lot of corny jokes, and you have to be 40 years old to get some of them.

~Brian P. Cleary

If I have a talent for making some fourth-grader who hates school and reading to hate it a little less, then I have to do the most with what I've been issued.

~Brian P. Cleary

In writing I found something I could do at least as well as my peers, if not better.

~Brian P. Cleary

I love the semicolon; it's unnecessary, but graceful and sophisticated.

~Brian P. Cleary

Not only is love blind, it's a little hard of hearing.

~Brian P. Cleary

You want a story? Read 'Gone With the Wind'. These aren't stories. They're joke books. The whole thing of a beginning, a middle and an end has been done to death.

~Brian P. Cleary

There's no such thing as free kittens.

~Brian P. Cleary

Children are like sponges; they start to smell after a little while.

~Brian P. Cleary

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