

# Chuck Klosterman Quotes

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The villain is the person who knows the most but cares the least.

~Chuck Klosterman

Art and love are the same thing: It's the process of seeing yourself in things that are not you.

~Chuck Klosterman

The essays are very solipsistic and self-absorbed, I'm totally conscious of that. To me, book writing is fun, and I basically just write about things that are entertaining to myself.

~Chuck Klosterman

Anybody who says they are a good liar obviously is not, because any legitimately savvy liar would always insist they're honest about everything.

~Chuck Klosterman

Seeing no resolution to my existential recognition of loss, I decide to eat lunch.

~Chuck Klosterman

First, you must love yourself. And if you do that convincingly enough, others will love you too much.

~Chuck Klosterman

People who talk about their dreams are actually trying to tell you things about themselves they'd never admit in normal conversation.

~Chuck Klosterman

I love the way music inside a car makes you feel invisible; if you plan the stereo at max volume, it's almost like the other people can't see into your vehicle. It tints your windows, somehow.

~Chuck Klosterman

The most wretched people in the world are those who tell you they like every kind of music 'except country.' People who say that are boorish and pretentious at the same time.

~Chuck Klosterman

Life is rarely about what happened; it's mostly about what we think happened.

~Chuck Klosterman

Sarcasm is when you tell someone the truth by lying on purpose.

~Chuck Klosterman

We are always dying, all the time. That's what living is; living is dying, little by little. It is a sequenced collection of individualized deaths.

~Chuck Klosterman

Important things are inevitably cliché, but nobody wants to admit that.

~Chuck Klosterman

Without a soundtrack, human interaction is meaningless.

~Chuck Klosterman

Every relationship is fundamentally a power struggle, and the individual in power is whoever likes the other person less.

~Chuck Klosterman

It is very easy for me to imagine in 200 years, people looking back at chemotherapy as proof that people of the 20th century were insane and just morons.

~Chuck Klosterman

It's peculiar what you remember when you're not trying.

~Chuck Klosterman

Booze is the greatest of all equalizers. Rich drunks and poor drunks both pass out the same way.

~Chuck Klosterman

Observing someone without context amplifies the experience. The more we know, the less we are able to feel.

~Chuck Klosterman

It has always been my belief that people are remembered for the sum of their accomplishments but defined by their singular failure.

~Chuck Klosterman

This made her remember why people take up walking: It is because they no longer have anywhere to go.

~Chuck Klosterman

The essays are different because ultimately it's things I'm interested in, and I'm really just writing about myself and using those subjects as a prism.

~Chuck Klosterman

Being interesting has been replaced by being identifiable.

~Chuck Klosterman

We all believe that we are a certain kind of person, but we never know until we do something that proves otherwise, or until we die.

~Chuck Klosterman

If I knew I was going to die at a specific moment in the future, it would be nice to be able to control what song I was listening to; this is why I always bring my iPod on airplanes.

~Chuck Klosterman

This is what being alive feels like, you know? The place doesn't matter.

You just live.

~Chuck Klosterman

Everybody is wrong about everything, just about all the time.

~Chuck Klosterman

The worst thing you can do to anybody trying to be creative is to demand participation in their vision.

~Chuck Klosterman

I honestly believe that people of my generation despise authenticity, mostly because they're all so envious of it.

~Chuck Klosterman

I once loved a girl who almost loved me, but not as much as she loved John Cusack.

~Chuck Klosterman

It is important to have questionable friends you can trust unconditionally.

~Chuck Klosterman

When I'm walking around, I'm usually drinking pop, so I can't have a mask on. That's why I couldn't be a surgeon.

~Chuck Klosterman

In and of itself, nothing really matters. What matters is that nothing is ever in and of itself.

~Chuck Klosterman

Book writing is a little different because, in my case, my editor is a year younger than me and basically has the same sensibility as me.

~Chuck Klosterman

Styx and The Stones may break my bones but 'More than Words' will never hurt me

~Chuck Klosterman

If you don't have a job, you don't have a fear of losing it. You fear having to get one.

~Chuck Klosterman

Saying you like "Piano Man" doesn't mean you like Billy Joel; it means you're willing to go to a piano bar if there's nothing else to do

~Chuck Klosterman

People can demand someone they've never met be arrested and thrown in jail forever because they know it's never going to happen and they're never going to see this person.

~Chuck Klosterman

The strength of your memory dictates the size of your reality

~Chuck Klosterman

I doubt that pornography has been good for the advancement of society, but I suspect it's done wonders for the advancement of computer technology.

~Chuck Klosterman

Unless you're Shannon Hoon (of Blind Melon), dying is the only thing that guarantees a rock star will have a legacy that stretches beyond temporary relevance.

~Chuck Klosterman

Somewhere, at some point, somehow, somebody decided that death equals credibility.

~Chuck Klosterman

We assume that all statements must be mild inversions of the truth, because it's too weird to imagine people who aren't casually lying, pretty much all the time.

~Chuck Klosterman

Every time I learn the truth about something, I'm disappointed

~Chuck Klosterman

Who Am I? Or (Perhaps More Accurately) Who Else Could Be Me?

~Chuck Klosterman

But it goes without saying that Michael Jordan could never date Pamela Anderson. That would cause the apocalypse.

~Chuck Klosterman

It feels so exhausting to be so bad at something I loved so much.

~Chuck Klosterman

In the Far East, it's very normal for people to wear masks in flu season. I don't know if I'd ever do that, though, because I don't like having things on my face.

~Chuck Klosterman

You're trying to find new ideas in people. I always think to myself, what question I am least comfortable asking the person? And then I make sure I ask it early in the interview.

~Chuck Klosterman

It's possible this whole "Why do Latinos love Morrissey?" question will haunt us forever. Fortunately, Canadian academics are on the case.

~Chuck Klosterman

My mind and gut are never simpatico: Every time I think somebody likes me, she doesn't; every time I think somebody doesn't like me, she

does. This has never changed and I'm certain it never will.

~Chuck Klosterman

The Sims is an escapist vehicle for people who want to escape to where they already are, which is why I thought this game was made precisely for me.

~Chuck Klosterman

Sometimes I think children are the worst people alive. And even if they're not- even if some smiling toddler is as pure as Evian- it's only a matter of time.

~Chuck Klosterman

When I think about the future, I'm not necessarily arguing it's going to be better or worse. I'm just saying it's going to be different.

~Chuck Klosterman

That's like comparing apples with hermaphroditic ground sloths.

~Chuck Klosterman

And I spilled gravy on my Carolina sweater, because I am alive.

~Chuck Klosterman

I care about strangers when they're abstractions, but I feel almost nothing when they're literally in front of me.

~Chuck Klosterman

The things he did on purpose were usually no different from the mistakes he made by accident.

~Chuck Klosterman

I am ready to be alone.

~Chuck Klosterman



If you stare long enough at anything, you will start to find similarities. The word "coincidence" exists in order to stop people from seeing meaning where none exists.

~Chuck Klosterman

It doesn't matter what you can do if you don't know why you're doing it.

~Chuck Klosterman

I'm really an alarmist when it comes to epidemics. Swine flu now; when SARS was big, I was all freaked out about that, bird flu. That terrifies me.

~Chuck Klosterman

I tend to equate sadness with intelligence.

~Chuck Klosterman

Do you know people who insist they like 'all kinds of music'? That actually means they like no kinds of music.

~Chuck Klosterman

When given the choice, we'd all rather be happy now — even if that guarantees we'll all be sad later.

~Chuck Klosterman

We're all tourists, sort of. Life is tourism, sort of. As far as I'm concerned, the dinosaurs still hold the lease on this godforsaken rock.

~Chuck Klosterman

Instead, we were given a publication called the Weekly Reader, which was like a newspaper for four-foot illiterates.

~Chuck Klosterman

The last girl I love will be someone I haven't even met yet, probably.

~Chuck Klosterman

It might sound chauvinistic, but there is a sad reality in rock music: Bands who depend on support from females inevitably crash and burn.

~Chuck Klosterman

Mostly, we argued about who which of us was better at arguing, and particularly about who had won the previous argument.

~Chuck Klosterman

Some say that time is like water that flows around us (like a stone in the river) and some say we flow with time (like a twig floating on the surface of the water).

~Chuck Klosterman

I grew up on a farm, and we didn't have cable and only limited radio stations, so I wasn't inundated with culture the way people in other parts of the country were. But I was really interested in it.

~Chuck Klosterman

Even though I wanted to experience all these things I was interested in, I couldn't get them. So I had to think critically and culturally about what was available.

~Chuck Klosterman

Perhaps we humans are still in command, and perhaps there really will be a conventional robot war in the not-so-distant future. If so, let's roll.

~Chuck Klosterman

Outcasts may grow up to be novelists and filmmakers and computer tycoons, but they will never be the athletic ruling class.

~Chuck Klosterman

It was the kind of love you can only feel toward someone you don't actually know.

~Chuck Klosterman

We argued about how hard it would be to ride a bear, assuming said bear was muzzled.

~Chuck Klosterman

As of right now, I am in love with her, and that love is the biggest problem in my life.

~Chuck Klosterman

Even eternally free people are enslaved by the process of living.

~Chuck Klosterman

[On political correctness:] Any intended message mattered less than the received message, and every received message could be interpreted in whatever way the receiver wanted.

~Chuck Klosterman

In New York, people are unhappy on purpose, because unhappiness makes them seem more complex; in Washington DC it just sort of works out that way.

~Chuck Klosterman

If rain is God crying, I think God is drunk and his girlfriend just slept with Zeus.

~Chuck Klosterman

Science fiction tends to be philosophy for stupid people.

~Chuck Klosterman

In baseball and sex, cliches are usually true: pitching beats hitting, and people always want to be loved by anyone who doesn't seem to care.

~Chuck Klosterman

The falling flakes were random and without purpose; the snow was drunker than she was.

~Chuck Klosterman

We are often wrong about the past, but at least with the past you can change your thinking. We can't do that with the future.

~Chuck Klosterman

The reason that people in the intellectual community argue that football is dangerous is because there's now a large swath of society that has no relationship to physicality or potential violence.

~Chuck Klosterman

Every generation is more influenced by technology, which is always changing faster.

~Chuck Klosterman

I like storms. I would say I actively like stormy weather. I would not be afraid of them. I think that if I had not pursued journalism, I think storm-chasing would've been a really fun career.

~Chuck Klosterman

Maybe it takes forty years of your life to understand how the world seems to work.

~Chuck Klosterman

If Donald Trump loses badly, it could mean the end of the GOP as one of the two significant parties.

~Chuck Klosterman

I think people's relationship with the concept of violence changes, and that to me might be a little more interesting.

~Chuck Klosterman

You can't go into the office and be a jerk. You can't yell at your kids or your wife or your husband for no reason. That makes you a terrible

person.

~Chuck Klosterman

I almost never get lonely. I love being alone. I'm glad I'm married, and I love my wife. But there's never been a situation in my life where my unhappiness was based on loneliness.

~Chuck Klosterman

All my friends are rock critics, so we talk about rock criticism a lot. Because of that, in order to be part of the conversation, you have to have an awareness of what the discussion is.

~Chuck Klosterman

Because I'm 44, I feel kind of lucky that I lived through this period where I started my career where there was no Internet at all, and now when I finish it, there will be nothing but the Internet.

~Chuck Klosterman

I think this is the kind of thing where we're rapidly moving toward an age where most of the populace will be almost unable to imagine life without an Internet component interlocked with it.

~Chuck Klosterman

It's possible for me to imagine a generation of people maybe two generations removed from you who might decide that we have an adversarial relationship with technology.

~Chuck Klosterman

We all eventually become whatever we pretend to hate.

~Chuck Klosterman

As an adult, the only people who care about horror movies are academics. No one loves to talk about horror films more than somebody with a Ph.D. in cultural studies at a university.

~Chuck Klosterman

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