

# Courtney Barnett

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I think everyone's so scared of other people judging them.

~Courtney Barnett

There's lots of interesting stuff happening in the world. Lots of good and bad things, and there's interest in music still, which there always will be, which is always a good thing.

~Courtney Barnett

I liked the idea of being a photographer, just that you take this one picture of this one thing that'll never happen again - it's a bit weird when you think about it.

~Courtney Barnett

Once you write and record a song, it becomes everyone else's song.

~Courtney Barnett

I don't know anything except being female, so I don't know the opposite of it.

~Courtney Barnett

The first song I wrote was called "You" and it was a love song about somebody who didn't even exist. I remember them all because I used to always write terrible poetry. I keep all my notebooks.

~Courtney Barnett

I think even though things are changing a bit, we still kind of tend to grow up with girls being like, 'Don't be too loud, don't be too rude, don't be too naughty,' or whatever, to act a certain way.

~Courtney Barnett

I don't like to overcook songs.

~Courtney Barnett

If I make a wrong decision, I worry what might have been. I stress out

over very insignificant things.

~Courtney Barnett

An album is a thing you take time out and go work on.

~Courtney Barnett

I think that a good song is catchy, and a great song is not catchy - but it has a deeper meaning.

~Courtney Barnett

If I'm not touring I'd just be at home, just driving - I'm kind of at a loss for how that stuff works.

~Courtney Barnett

When I was a teen, or like 18 to early 20s, I used to go to festivals all the time. I'd save all my money.

~Courtney Barnett

I think that if people get my music, then they get what my message is.

~Courtney Barnett

I don't really feel like a rock artist, but I guess in the small category of the world of music genres, that's where I fall in because I've got a guitar.

~Courtney Barnett

I started writing songs when I started learning guitar.

~Courtney Barnett

Artists thrive off each other, and when you see other people doing cool stuff, it inspires you to do cool stuff.

~Courtney Barnett

I've never liked songs that are about writing, or struggling to write.

Maybe it's because it's too relatable to me.

~Courtney Barnett

I definitely grew up on a lot of American bands. I didn't really know that there were any decent Australian bands until I was around 20.

~Courtney Barnett

The music, I think, is just as important as the lyrics; it portrays the emotion of the song. I play the kind of music that I want to listen to.

~Courtney Barnett

It was cool at the rock camp - girls could just be themselves and they could be silly, they could roll around on the floor playing guitar.

~Courtney Barnett

People should be free to take whatever they want from music and I think that over time I realized that different people always find different things in my songs, which is really good.

~Courtney Barnett

Every time I write a song it feels like it could be the last one I do, or it always feels like a fluke.

~Courtney Barnett

Sometimes I have something stuck in my head and that directs the rhyme that I'm writing with.

~Courtney Barnett

It's easier to be angry. It's harder to be positive and happy, I reckon.

~Courtney Barnett

I reckon that growing up, listening to so much different music, I think over time I just kind of sucked it all in and it probably comes back out through my music.

~Courtney Barnett

Festivals are always fun. I went to a lot when I was younger and had money to go to them. I like playing at festivals. They're always kind of like a big, crazy circus.

~Courtney Barnett

I grew up listening to Nirvana, and then went through some bad 90s pop stuff - a lot of Australian one-hit wonders.

~Courtney Barnett

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