

# Craig Finn Quotes

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People make maps of all the places I've mentioned. I knew that those people were out there. I wanted to create something for them.

~Craig Finn

There are nights when I think that Sal Paradise was right / Boys and Girls in America / Have such a sad time together.

~Craig Finn

I really like narrative songs, but I wonder if that's a thing for some people. Once they've heard the story, do they really need to hear the story again?

~Craig Finn

I'm able to draw outside my own personal experiences. No one wants to hear the song about what I really did today, which is go get coffee and clean my apartment.

~Craig Finn

When people hit on feeling a certain melancholy or elation, it's a really exciting moment. I think making that connection is the goal, and what makes something great.

~Craig Finn

Sometimes things reveal themselves to you a little bit. I think it was Joan Didion that said, "We write to find out what we're thinking." And sometimes that happens.

~Craig Finn

I'm not only a songwriter but I'm a massive music fan and I love going to shows. It's different than reading a book.

~Craig Finn

When you get into rock 'n' roll myths, like that Rod Stewart blew his whole band and had to get his stomach pumped, it's ridiculous, but

everyone's heard it.

~Craig Finn

I don't have a problem rhyming "bar" with "car" - I do it all the time - but sometimes it doesn't feel right.

~Craig Finn

In the end, when you're writing a really good song, it strikes the right tone.

~Craig Finn

I would never talk to a girl in a bar, like a pick-up thing. But I could talk to anyone if they wore a t-shirt of a band I like.

~Craig Finn

I guess the drinking and the drugs are interesting to me because the way we use them and our society uses them, we kind of manufacture highs and lows.

~Craig Finn

You can think of a number of bands where the first record is by far their biggest record. And that must be hard for people to recapture. Hard for people to live with.

~Craig Finn

I don't really pursue writing songs for other people. I guess one of the things I always think about is a good line in a song should be something I can hear myself saying.

~Craig Finn

Just looking into something kind of analytically can give a lot of ideas.

~Craig Finn

The reality is that the shows kind of disconnect from the songs a little

bit. You're playing the songs, but they take on a life of their own.

~Craig Finn

There's a lot of ways to be honest that don't necessarily involve absolute facts being true. I think that's something I absolutely try to do.

~Craig Finn

People think of songwriting as a very personal thing: A guy gets up there with an acoustic guitar and he sings his heart out, bares his soul.

~Craig Finn

One of the things is my process requires a lot of repetition. I can probably drive people crazy because I'm interested in playing a song twenty times in a row.

~Craig Finn

I think the other thing that shaped me a little bit is that I really didn't have any success in music until my early to mid-30s.

~Craig Finn

I am a really obsessive music listener, and I would look for clues.

~Craig Finn

I think you want to write a song that's like the songs you are into.

~Craig Finn

You can't get every girl; you get the ones you love the best.

~Craig Finn

At forty-one, now I think it would be really cool to have an A&R guy say, "You know what? I don't think you've got this album sequenced right."

~Craig Finn

If you wait four or five years between records, it better be a

masterpiece, you know? And if you keep putting them out, you're saying, 'Hey, here's 10 more songs'.

~Craig Finn

Words and music together create powerful, powerful things.

~Craig Finn

One of the things you do in a band is the more you stay together, the more you play to your strengths.

~Craig Finn

There's somewhat of a real fascination with American bands and American mythology in London.

~Craig Finn

Ironically, when I was playing in my first band, I would deliberately not write down any lyrics. I have a really good memory and I would just keep them in my head.

~Craig Finn

An album doesn't mean as much to a lot of people now, compared to just songs.

~Craig Finn

My style of lyric-writing is very specific and has a lot of details, and I think people react most to that.

~Craig Finn

I can still sing most Eagles songs, even though I never bought a record and never liked the band.

~Craig Finn

The critics and hardcore music fans, those are the people you have to get to first, so we're really happy about it.

~Craig Finn

I definitely hope to continue to release records at an accelerated pace.

~Craig Finn

The more you release records, in some ways it takes pressure off you.

~Craig Finn

I was really obsessed with age. I kept saying it was a record about trying to age gracefully.

~Craig Finn

If we enjoy what we're doing, we shouldn't really need a break.

~Craig Finn

You can either go to the gym because you want to lose weight, or you can go to the gym because you like how it makes you feel when you're running.

~Craig Finn

A conversation with you is a different thing than projecting to a couple hundred people. It's bigger and more animated and it's on a bigger scope, but still in the heart, it's honestly me.

~Craig Finn

The point of being in a band, for instance, isn't to get big; it's about enjoying playing shows.

~Craig Finn

Being on a microphone nightly has made me better at what I do, made me better able to sing a little bit, but also more confident at trying it.

~Craig Finn

The idea of anyone collecting compact discs just seems bizarre to me.

~Craig Finn

As a writer, if you have something on a page, you can start moving it around and get something you like. But if you have a blank page, it's just gonna be a blank page.

~Craig Finn

My wife is very happy about me keeping all my music in my pocket.

~Craig Finn

If I'm stuck, I'll sit down and read. That's a big thing.

~Craig Finn

One thing I have a tendency to do is not write choruses, or write choruses that have different words. The first chorus will have different words than the second chorus.

~Craig Finn

I've written a lot about drugs and alcohol. I wouldn't say it's because we've gotten bigger or anything, but I kind of feel a little bit done with it. There are other things to talk about.

~Craig Finn

I think making the songs is to put strength in the community in some way.

~Craig Finn

I think when you are doing a song you're trying to give people enough details that they connect.

~Craig Finn

Some people will totally get restless, since you can make demos pretty easy. It's not unreasonable for someone to say, "All right, can you just record this and go home and work on it?"

~Craig Finn

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