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Kids aint supposed to be grateful! They're supposed to eat your food, break your heart.

~Eric Kripke

It's hard asking someone with a broken heart to fall in love again.

~Eric Kripke

People pitch me the crazy mystery mind-blowing thing all the time. My response is, 'Great, but how do the characters feel about it, and how do we reveal new facets and new dimensions of who they are?'

~Eric Kripke

I've had a lifelong obsession with urban legends and American folklore.

~Eric Kripke

Television showrunners are a foolishly optimistic bunch.

~Eric Kripke

Beyond all our Blackberries and iPhones, we're dangerously separated from our food and water supplies.

~Eric Kripke

I've never counted my chickens before they've hatched.

~Eric Kripke

We are definitely living in the butterfly effect theory, where any change that is made in the past is going to have a very logical cause-and-effect ramification of the present.

~Eric Kripke

I like to find ideas where the research is going to be fun.

~Eric Kripke

I've always said at the beginning of every single season of the show

when I was running the show in the writers' room, "This is the last season, so let's smoke 'em if we've got 'em."

~Eric Kripke

When I am kicking around show ideas, or really any idea, usually an image comes to me. I don't really start with a character or a logline like, "What if the electricity turned off?"

~Eric Kripke

Your half-caff double vanilla latte is getting cold over here, Francis.

~Eric Kripke

People simply don't make eye contact anymore.

~Eric Kripke

Driver picks the music, shotgun shuts his cakehole.

~Eric Kripke

I like to tell stories that have beginnings, middles and ends.

~Eric Kripke

When you do 22 episodes of a network show, it's incredibly useful to have a format that gives you a jumping-off point for a story.

~Eric Kripke

It's hard to make a lot of pop culture references where there's no pop culture.

~Eric Kripke

"I'm going to put out something that I believe in, or I'm not going to do it." I'm really scared of putting out a product that people will say, "Oh, that's not as good as the other thing."

~Eric Kripke

At the end of day, people are starving and, if people are starving and thirsty and they need to keep their families alive, people become desperate quickly. There are real world examples of this.

~Eric Kripke

I'm kind of a comic book geek, but I'm not really a super hero comic book geek.

~Eric Kripke

It's always better to go personal and painful than to go big.

~Eric Kripke

I have a bad habit, in the shows that I run, of killing off the people that I love.

~Eric Kripke

Let's be honest, any show will live or die based on how good the characters are, how good the actors are, how complicated the relationships are, how grounded they are and how much heart they have.

~Eric Kripke

I really am a very research-oriented writer.

~Eric Kripke

When you start a show, the plans are not set in stone. They're really mutable, cocktail napkin sketches.

~Eric Kripke

A show is going to be good and fun to work on, if the research is interesting.

~Eric Kripke

There are so many shows out there, so you really need to work hard to

separate yourself and cut through the static.

~Eric Kripke

Mythologies become exhausting burdens, from a writer's perspective.

~Eric Kripke

If I had a worldview, and I don't know if I do, but if I did, it's one that's intensely humanistic.

~Eric Kripke

You think you're funny? I think I'm adorable.

~Eric Kripke

People love a good mystery; I understand that.

~Eric Kripke

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