

Eric Weiner Quotes

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what doesn't kill you not only make you stronger, but also more honest.

~Eric Weiner

[Happiness is] a ghost, it's a shadow. You can't really chase it. It's a by-product, a very pleasant side effect to a life lived well.

~Eric Weiner

If you walk into a coffee shop in 1903 Vienna, you might find at the same table the artist Gustav Klimt, Sigmund Freud, Leon Trotsky and possibly Adolf Hitler, who lived in Vienna at the same time.

~Eric Weiner

It is a fact of human nature that we derive pleasure from watching others engage in pleasurable acts. This explains the popularity of two enterprises: pornography and caf s.

~Eric Weiner

When you're stuck on something creatively, you can't solve a problem, you go to a coffee shop.

~Eric Weiner

We help other people because we can, or because it makes us feel good, not because we're counting on some future payback. There is a word for this; love.

~Eric Weiner

I've always been a big believer in the power of place. I believe that where we are affects who we are when it comes to happiness, spirituality, economics and creative genius.

~Eric Weiner

Happiness is not a noun or a verb. It's a conjunction. Connective tissue.

~Eric Weiner

God is not an exclamation point. He is, at his best, a semicolon, connecting people, and generating what Aldous Huxley called "œhuman grace." Somewhere along the way, we've lost sight of this.

~Eric Weiner

I've always believed that happiness is just around the corner. The trick is finding the right corner.

~Eric Weiner

A confused mind is one that is open to the possibility of change.

~Eric Weiner

..there is more to life than just pleasure. We want to achieve our happiness and not just experience it.

~Eric Weiner

You look around the world at geniuses, and they don't appear randomly, they appear in genius clusters. Athens in 50 BC, Florence 1500, Silicon Valley today. This is not a coincidence.

~Eric Weiner

a simple question to identify your true home: where do you want to die?

~Eric Weiner

When you drink coffee, you become very focused, and in fact, the key to creative genius is to be defocused.

~Eric Weiner

Someone like Mozart moves from Salzburg to Vienna, where all of the sudden he finds this musical city that is not only asking for music, it's

demanding music of him.

~Eric Weiner

We can't love a place or a person if we always have one foot out the door.

~Eric Weiner

Compromise is a skill, and like all skills it atrophies from lack of use.

~Eric Weiner

Where we are is vital to who we are.

~Eric Weiner

It's not what we believe that makes us happy but the act of believing. In anything.

~Eric Weiner

A Mozart symphony is very much like a Pixar movie - in the sense that Pixar movies are hugely successful because they operate on several levels at the same time.

~Eric Weiner

Reason cannot account for those moments in life that "bewilder the intellect yet utterly quiet the heart," as G.K. Chesterton observed.

~Eric Weiner

Joseph Campbell, who when asked what spiritual practice he followed said, "I underline books." Me too.

~Eric Weiner

There's no one on the island telling them they're not good enough, so they just go ahead and sing and paint and write.

~Eric Weiner

Some places are like family. They annoy us to no end, especially during the holidays, but we keep coming back for more because we know, deep in our hearts, that our destinies are intertwined.

~Eric Weiner

I'm interested in genius the way a hungry man is interested in Philadelphia cheesesteaks. I want something. I want a piece of it.

~Eric Weiner

Believing in everything looks a lot like believing in nothing.

~Eric Weiner

People don't go to Starbucks for the coffee - of that I'm pretty sure - they go for the atmosphere, they go for the 70 decibels, they go for the Starbucks effect.

~Eric Weiner

What is the ideal audio atmosphere for creativity and it turns out it is not complete silence, and it is not a very loud atmosphere, it's something about 70 decibels.

~Eric Weiner

The coffeehouse is good for genius, and the Viennese coffeehouse is a classic case. Freud had his favorite coffee shop, and so did Gustav Klimt.

~Eric Weiner

I would love to think there is a direct relationship between coffee and genius, but they've done studies, and if anything, caffeine probably makes you a little less creative.

~Eric Weiner

Genius is not only a what or a who, it is a where. It is grounded in a place every single time.

~Eric Weiner

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