

Harvey Pekar

Quotes

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Realizing, Long, Artist, Literature, Never Quit, Ordinary Days, Territory,
Obnoxious, Routine*

Ordinary life is pretty complex stuff.

~Harvey Pekar

I'm sure someone out there has a workable solution. But what do I know? I make comic books and write about jazz. I do know the difference between right and wrong, though.

~Harvey Pekar

I met Robert Crumb in 1962; he lived in Cleveland for a while. I took a look at his stuff. Crumb was doing stuff beyond what other writers and artists were doing. It was a step beyond Mad.

~Harvey Pekar

I really don't have a lot in common with the people who attend the Comic Con. It's like assuming that all people who write prose are the same.

~Harvey Pekar

I'd been familiar with comics, and I'd collected 'em when I was a kid, but after I got into junior high school, there wasn't much I was interested in

~Harvey Pekar

Comics are words and pictures. You can do anything with words and pictures.

~Harvey Pekar

Since about 1980 Kenny Werner has been one of jazz's unsung heroes

~Harvey Pekar

I think that the so-called average person often exhibits a great deal of heroism in getting through an ordinary day . . .

~Harvey Pekar

Am I a guy who writes about himself in a comic book, or am I just a character in that book? If I die, will that character keep going, or will he just fade away?

~Harvey Pekar

It seemed to me you could do anything in comics. So I started doing my thing, which is mainly influenced by novelists, stand-up comedians, that sort of thing

~Harvey Pekar

Life is about women, gigs, an' bein' creative.

~Harvey Pekar

I realize that I'm pretty flawed, but you know - I haven't killed anybody yet.

~Harvey Pekar

I just continue to be kind of disappointed that people don't realize that and try and diversify the kind of work they are doing in comics.

~Harvey Pekar

American Splendor is just an ongoing journal. It's an ongoing autobiography. I started it when I was in my early 30s, and I just keep going.

~Harvey Pekar

I'm doing research for a large comic book on the Beat Generation guys - Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac and those guys

~Harvey Pekar

I've probably had my day in the sun. I think I've influenced a lot of comic book writers

~Harvey Pekar

I thought I had a great opportunity when I started doing my comic book in 1972. I thought there was so much territory to work in.

~Harvey Pekar

I decided I was going to tell these stories. I went around and met Crumb. He was the cartoonist. I started realizing comics weren't just kid stuff.

~Harvey Pekar

I try and write the way things happen. I don't try and fulfill people's wishes

~Harvey Pekar

Even a pretty traditional comic book writer can make valuable contributions to the Internet.

~Harvey Pekar

Im pretty aggressive, and maybe obnoxious, about trying to get work.

~Harvey Pekar

It didnt take long to establish myself, as far as people thinking my work was good. They liked it from the start.

~Harvey Pekar

Misery loves company. There's a lot to that.

~Harvey Pekar

You do not pursue potential conflict unless you hold power over your foe.

~Harvey Pekar

People will believe absurd things - in the 19th century and now.

~Harvey Pekar

I wanted to write literature that pushed people into their lives rather than helping people escape from them.

~Harvey Pekar

I think you can do anything with comics that you could do in just about any art form.

~Harvey Pekar

I don't write about certain arguments I have with my wife. I'd get my head torn off if wrote about certain things.

~Harvey Pekar

I'm a guy that likes to sit in one place

~Harvey Pekar

It makes you feel good to know that there's other people afflicted like you.

~Harvey Pekar

It's the stuff that happens right in front of your face when there's no routine and everything is unexpected. That's what I want to write about.

~Harvey Pekar

I don't think I made any really big mistakes; it's just that I chose something difficult to do. Looking back, I suppose I should be grateful that I got as far as I got.

~Harvey Pekar

When you're dead, it robs life of many of it's pleasures

~Harvey Pekar

Everybody's like everybody else, and everybody's different from everybody else.

~Harvey Pekar

Every ethnic group thinks they are the chosen ones.

~Harvey Pekar

People who are readers of fiction aren't particularly interested in comic books.

~Harvey Pekar

I think comics have far more potential than a lot of people realize.

~Harvey Pekar

I think you can find all the elements that you can find in great literature in mundane experiences.

~Harvey Pekar

I think the people who would be the least interested in my work would be people who read lots of comic books.

~Harvey Pekar

It's extremely seldom that anybody wants me to change what I've written about them. Generally I portray them in a good light, if they're friends

~Harvey Pekar

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