

Jack Kirby Quotes

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The only real politics I knew was that if a guy liked Hitler, I'd beat the stuffing out of him and that would be it.

~Jack Kirby

I feel my characters are valid, my characters are people, my characters have hope. Hope is the thing that'll take us through.

~Jack Kirby

It's not in the draftsmanship, it's in the man. Like I say, a tool is dead. A brush is a dead object. It's in the man. If you want to do it, you do it.

~Jack Kirby

Kid ... Comics will break your heart.

~Jack Kirby

I felt the comics grew because they became the common man's literature, the common man's art, the common man's publishing.

~Jack Kirby

Our dreams make us large.

~Jack Kirby

I was an artist, but not a self-proclaimed great artist, just a common man who was working in a form of art which is universal.

~Jack Kirby

Everybody can draw, in my estimation. If you give a man 50 years, he'll come up with the Mona Lisa.

~Jack Kirby

If you think a man draws the type of hands that you want to draw, steal 'em. Take those hands.

~Jack Kirby

I feel that man can transcend himself to a point where he can accomplish greater things than he thinks.

~Jack Kirby

Life at best is bittersweet.

~Jack Kirby

A character to me can't be contrived. I don't like to contrive characters. They have to have an element of truth.

~Jack Kirby

All human beings have the capability of doing what they want, what they're attracted to.

~Jack Kirby

I draw people as I see them. I'm not involved in making artistic masterpieces. My, my object is to mirror people and I've always done that.

~Jack Kirby

Perfectionists are their own devils.

~Jack Kirby

I've never done anything half-heartedly; it's a disservice to me and the audience if I do it half-heartedly.

~Jack Kirby

I've done my job extremely well. My only beef is that a lot of people have put their fingers in whatever I've done and tried to screw it up, and I've always resented that.

~Jack Kirby

I had to make a living. I was a married man. I had a wife. I had a home. I had children. I had to make a living. That's the common pursuit of

every man.

~Jack Kirby

Once we've learned enough about the universe we will admit to ourselves that we will never know everything.

~Jack Kirby

In the Army when we had judo classes, out of the class of 27 just me and another guy graduated. I grew to enjoy it because I knew I could do it well. I tried to do everything well.

~Jack Kirby

A man is entitled to draw things in his own style. I didn't hurt Superman. I made him powerful. I admire Superman, but I've got to do my own style.

~Jack Kirby

Nobody ever asked me to do anything. Nobody knew what to do. When comics were brand new, nobody knew what kind of comics to make. So you were mostly on your own.

~Jack Kirby

I didn't like Army life. I didn't like taking orders. I didn't like discipline. I didn't like being yelled at. You'd get 10 years for punching a sergeant so I couldn't punch a sergeant.

~Jack Kirby

I've never done anything half-heartedly. It's the reason my comics did well. It's the reason my comics were drawn well. I can't do anything bad.

~Jack Kirby

You fought fair. If the other guy wants to fight and you knocked him out, you did your best for him. You didn't want to hurt him any more.

~Jack Kirby

My monsters were lovable monsters. I gave them names - some were evil and some were good. They made sales, and that's always been my prime object in comics.

~Jack Kirby

I feel that my characters all have some part of my character. I feel that they're all me in some way, certainly not in individuality, but they all bear elements of what I feel.

~Jack Kirby

I never duck out of a fight; I don't care what the hell the odds are, and I'm rough at times, but I try to be a decent guy all the time. That's the way I've always lived.

~Jack Kirby

You had to grow up sometime. The fellows who grew early, they were in jeopardy. They became the cops and the crooks, and the crooks became the gangsters. The crooks became the Al Capones.

~Jack Kirby

I feel like an independent man, and I am. This is the kind of feeling I always wanted. You can rarely get that... Well, I could rarely get that in the early part of my life.

~Jack Kirby

I feel that any man that tries, any man that comes out with something we like, is a good man. A man doesn't have to be Leonardo Da Vinci to be sincere.

~Jack Kirby

I write from a people's point of view. I love people because I understand them. I understand an enemy, I understand a friend, I understand grey

areas, and I understand black areas.

~Jack Kirby

I admired anybody who could make a buck with his drawing.

~Jack Kirby

Any kind of music can be written badly and it can be written wonderfully. I admire a top performer in any field.

~Jack Kirby

I'm not interested in the ego trip of creating or not creating. I'm interested in selling a magazine. Rock-bottom, I sell magazines. I'm a thorough professional who does his job.

~Jack Kirby

My style is personal, my style of writing is personal, and I believe in that. I believe what comes out of me is an individual thing, and that's why I, I believe in the individual.

~Jack Kirby

I hated to fight all the time just to enjoy my day. Fighting wasn't the kind of thing that I enjoyed, but I grew to enjoy it because I did it so long.

~Jack Kirby

There was violence because first of all, there were ethnic differences and names. If you were small, they called you a runt, and you had to do something about that even if there were five other guys.

~Jack Kirby

I wasn't the kind of student that Pratt was looking for. They wanted patient people who would work on something forever. I didn't want to work on any project forever. I intended to get things done.

~Jack Kirby

I never sued anybody, I never fought anybody or was in conflict or contention with any other party in a legal way. I feel that it hurts people, it hurts their families.

~Jack Kirby

My anatomy was self-taught. I feel everybody has that ability. I drew instinctively. Mine was an instinctive style.

~Jack Kirby

Comics have a caste system - an editor has to act in a certain way, an artist has to be humble.

~Jack Kirby

Aw, where we come from the Anti-Life Equation is one of many others--almost as awesome!! But they merely exist!!

~Jack Kirby

I never had stock endings. I didn't believe in stock endings. To make the [reader] happy was not my objective, but to make the [reader] say, "Yeah, that's what would happen" - that was my objective.

~Jack Kirby

I didn't resolve the questions... and I find that entertaining. And if my life were to end tomorrow, it would be fulfilled in that manner. I would say, 'The questions have been terrific.'

~Jack Kirby

Nobody ever wrote a story for me. I told in every story what was really inside my gut, and it came out that way. My stories began to get noticed because the average reader could associate with them.

~Jack Kirby

I'm OMAC! Evacuate this section! I'm going to destroy it!

~Jack Kirby

I was a good student in the subjects that I wanted to be good in. The curriculum in my section was excellent.

~Jack Kirby

I'm a happy man because whatever I'm doing, I do for myself and I do a little creating here and there for others, and they work out very well.

~Jack Kirby

Everybody was wary. This was a time when communists marched through the streets, waving flags and shouting. The unions did the same thing so you began to associate them.

~Jack Kirby

Every father was his own man. He did what he wanted. If your mother went shopping, your father never went with her.

~Jack Kirby

I achieved perfection, my type of perfection - visual storytelling. Storytelling was my style.

~Jack Kirby

My parents loved me. My father used to carry me around on my shoulders. I know my father loved me. All families love their children, and we were good boys.

~Jack Kirby

Of course, mothers were very conventional, everything was very conventional. You had to have approval.

~Jack Kirby

My own son feels I'm uncool but my grandson loves me. Being cool or uncool is a generational thing. But as a personal thing, I really love everybody in sight.

~Jack Kirby

My parents were immigrants. And the place for all immigrants was the factories. They were the source of cheap labor.

~Jack Kirby

I always enjoyed doing monster books. Monster books gave me the opportunity to draw things out of the ordinary. Monster books were a challenge - what kind of monster would fascinate people?

~Jack Kirby

I didn't save my money for a lawyer. I was a very young man, and saved my money for having a good time.

~Jack Kirby

I didn't have an affinity for horror. But I knew that commercially it was viable.

~Jack Kirby

The people who worked in comics were terrific guys. I had a good association with them, and I enjoyed comics for that very reason.

~Jack Kirby

I tried to, from my very early years, I've been an inveterate movie goer and still am and I, I love the medium. So what I, what I draw and what I'm still doing, is part of that particular orientation.

~Jack Kirby

I was happy because I made enough money to give to my parents. I made enough money to get married on. I made enough money to enjoy myself a little more than I would have if I didn't have enough money.

~Jack Kirby

I won't do anything bad, and I resent very deeply bad people who haven't got the ability, who try to interfere with the kind of work I'm trying to do because nobody's going to benefit from it.

~Jack Kirby

Mort Meskin was a consummate professional, dedicated to his work. A great talent.

~Jack Kirby

I don't want to take somebody else's beating. That makes me unhappy.

~Jack Kirby

I had very high respect for the Pratt Institute, but I thought that I had done my best, and that was not their version of the best.

~Jack Kirby

I'm a guy who had to perform some way. I had to perform in some way. If not as an actor, I'd perform as an artist. It would have been something that would be outstanding in its own way.

~Jack Kirby

I'd had a belly-full of being subservient. I had to find something else to do, and I did. I went to the animation houses. I went to new fields.

~Jack Kirby

A climb-out fight is where you climb a building. You climb fire escapes. You climb to the top of the building. You fight on the roof, and you fight all the way down again.

~Jack Kirby

My ambition was always to be a perfect picture of an American.

~Jack Kirby

When Superman came out it galvanized the entire industry. It's just part of the American scene.

~Jack Kirby

I would've liked to have been a better businessman when I was younger. And of course, I couldn't, because it wasn't part of my atmosphere. I never lived with accountants, I never lived with lawyers.

~Jack Kirby

I like entertainment. I'm an innate admirer of good entertainment. I'll listen to MTV, I'll listen to Mozart, I'll listen to anything that has a good element in it.

~Jack Kirby

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