

# Jarvis Cocker

## Quotes

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I'm not a religious person but I do like the idea of Sunday as a day set apart from the rest of the week. It's nice to have a period of reflection and have time to think about things.

~Jarvis Cocker

The things in my songs are the edited highlights of my life. I don't go seeking out strange sexual experiences every day of the week.

~Jarvis Cocker

Its OK to grow up, just as long as you don't grow old. Face it you are young.

~Jarvis Cocker

I'm always amazed by people who blog all the time and tweet all the time, and still get things done. I don't know how they do it.

~Jarvis Cocker

I don't really care what someone's background is; creativity can come from any background.

~Jarvis Cocker

We've always been a bit out of touch with reality.

~Jarvis Cocker

You don't often hear people say, 'Oh, since he's been taking them drugs, he's such a nice person! He's really come out of his shell, he's really nice, he's blossomed'.

~Jarvis Cocker

I appreciate people who try and use language in an interesting way.

~Jarvis Cocker

It's good that I managed to hoodwink so many people. I am actually not that nice a person.

~Jarvis Cocker

I would like to believe in an afterlife; it makes things more palatable. But I'm not banking on it.

~Jarvis Cocker

We live in an age where people are kind of a bit obsessed with celebrity and stuff. You can't help but be curious about it.

~Jarvis Cocker

I got a pair of red, synthetic satin women's pants through the post the other day with a phone number on. That was quite strange. I haven't tried the phone number. In times of stress I may.

~Jarvis Cocker

I'd been thinking I'd have to learn how to play really well, but obviously the message of punk was that you just learn three chords in a week and you're away.

~Jarvis Cocker

Part of why I started a band was due to feelings of shyness and social ineptitude. I saw it as some way of being able to interact with people from a safe distance.

~Jarvis Cocker

A song can't be completely serious if you rhyme melodic with alcoholic.

~Jarvis Cocker

The best thing you can give someone is the freedom to make their own mind up - and then, if it's not working out 5 years later, you can give your opinion.

~Jarvis Cocker

I'm a sluggish character; I'm a bit slow. For some reason I find it hard to

work quickly.

~Jarvis Cocker

For me, the great thing about music is that anybody can do it.

~Jarvis Cocker

The thing with Disney songs is they're very manipulative, very sentimental, but they do get you, you know - there's a kind of sadness to them and that kind of music doesn't really exist any more.

~Jarvis Cocker

It's weird: The leader of the Conservative Party in England is two years younger than me, and I still don't really feel like a responsible adult.

~Jarvis Cocker

I am proud, and more than a little excited, to be asked to work with Faber in an editorial capacity. It is my dearest hope that we will produce some fantastic books together.

~Jarvis Cocker

A Conservative government is necessary. There is no credible alternative.

~Jarvis Cocker

If you get involved in music expecting to make a living out of it, then you've picked the wrong thing to do. That shouldn't really be in your mind.

~Jarvis Cocker

I think the credit crunch is a brilliant thing. We should all stop moaning and start celebrating. When times are tough, it's an opportunity to start looking at life in a different way.

~Jarvis Cocker

Hollywood is called Hollywood, but holly doesn't grow there. Right from the start it's based on a lie. But it's a very seductive lie, and we're still entranced by it.

~Jarvis Cocker

Paris is like a beautiful woman, but she's very haughty, she's not interested in you. She's very nice to look at but you can't quite get it together with her.

~Jarvis Cocker

I travel backwards and forwards quite a lot. I live very near to the train station. I'm kind of playing at being an expatriate, I suppose.

~Jarvis Cocker

In a song you can kind of stage-manage everything so that it puts you in a good light. And once a song is recorded, it always performs well.

~Jarvis Cocker

[Jeffrey Lewis is] The best lyricist working in the US today.

~Jarvis Cocker

I speak onstage to try to establish some method of communication. The songs are supposed to be a way of communicating. But speech and drinks and sometimes chocolates are also a way of communicating.

~Jarvis Cocker

Money isn't important, but you have to have enough, so you don't have to think about it. Thinking about money is a drag.

~Jarvis Cocker

People who make good music aren't necessarily nice people.

~Jarvis Cocker

I would rather kill myself than play my own music... I can't stand it when

people do that.

~Jarvis Cocker

The good thing about people really is their iffy-ness and dodginess, isn't it?

~Jarvis Cocker

There isn't much I find interesting to write about in middle-class life.

~Jarvis Cocker

I do write songs with a political dimension to them sometimes, but I'm always slightly appalled by it when I do.

~Jarvis Cocker

The main thing I don't like about myself is an absurd level of self-consciousness that makes any sort of social encounter an ordeal for me.

~Jarvis Cocker

Pulp existed for 12 years before we got famous. Now, you could say that was just lack of imagination, but it's some kind of quality isn't it? Tenacity. You could also say it was sloth.

~Jarvis Cocker

I guess I'm fairly insistent and maybe consistent. If I decide I'll do something, I generally will.

~Jarvis Cocker

I'm always nervous when I perform anyway.

~Jarvis Cocker

I always thought that I might retire from any form of sexuality by the age of 40 and just become a dignified older person.

~Jarvis Cocker

Everybody's a bit screwed up, you know. You can take it as symptoms of a disorder, or you can take it as personality. Me, I'd rather think it as parts of personality.

~Jarvis Cocker

The working class has been turned into a consuming class - a situation has been created where people value their worth by what they can afford.

~Jarvis Cocker

I believe that humans adapt to circumstance. The Internet is quite an unprecedented circumstance, so it's going to take people a while to get their heads around it.

~Jarvis Cocker

You have to create a bespoke cultural environment. I know this may be a kind of thing that an old person says, but I feel to quite a large extent I was reared by the TV I watched.

~Jarvis Cocker

You get to a certain age and you just want to prove that you can still rock - that you've still got it.

~Jarvis Cocker

But I've got ideas. I keep my little notebook, I've always got that with me. Hopefully there's more stuff than nonsense in there.

~Jarvis Cocker

Pornography takes all the reality out of sex and Disney does that to family life.

~Jarvis Cocker

Noise is an easy thing to hide behind. If you make a lot of noise and shout behind that, nobody can tell what you're singing.

~Jarvis Cocker

I like bossy girls. I don't like girls who just do whatever they think you want them to do, and follow you around trying to please you all the time.

~Jarvis Cocker

I'm sure Sting's a lovely guy. It's just that nobody wants to be seen as that holier-than-thou thing. That over-earnestness is a bit of a problem with people in bands and celebrities or whatever.

~Jarvis Cocker

In no way am I supporting or suggesting that a Conservative government is a good thing, far from it.

~Jarvis Cocker

Don't think that the things around you don't count, because they do.

~Jarvis Cocker

I think that's what all art is for - for people to express what it is to be human. That's the purpose of it.

~Jarvis Cocker

You can do anything when you're famous. That's why famous people are so dumb.

~Jarvis Cocker

Anyone who thinks they're sexy needs their head checked.

~Jarvis Cocker



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