

# Kurt Busiek

## Quotes

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Book, People, Awful, Tools, Nuts, Pieces, Party, Two, Hero, Care, Play*

I think the purpose of deconstruction is to take something apart and see how it works. If you're not going to put it back together again and watch it go, what's the point?

~Kurt Busiek

I tend to think that the best face of humanity is that we learn. We explore, we study, we think.

~Kurt Busiek

You've got to leave the reader with more than just a name and a costume - they need to know who the character is, what they're like, what kind of attitude they have, what sort of role they play.

~Kurt Busiek

I'm a writer. I just love telling stories.

~Kurt Busiek

The Hulk is rage personified, just, "I don't like something. Break it." And that's a great concept for a seven- or eight-year-old.

~Kurt Busiek

I like superheroes. I like the drama of it, the stirring, larger-than-life aspect.

~Kurt Busiek

Dracula, if he could see modern corporations, wouldn't like them much. He took care of his people, at least as he saw it. They had very little freedom, but they had a protector.

~Kurt Busiek

I don't view Twitter as a promotional tool but as a really, really, really cool cocktail party.

~Kurt Busiek

The characters are, by their nature, archetypes that can serve different metaphors.

~Kurt Busiek

When you have a novel set in a fictional history, you still should get your history right.

~Kurt Busiek

I've always been positive about superheroes.

~Kurt Busiek

If I won the lottery tomorrow - which would be a real trick, since I haven't entered - and was independently wealthy for the rest of my life, I'd write comic books, because it's what I like doing.

~Kurt Busiek

It's fun to take a piece of formula and go someplace else with it and see what happens.

~Kurt Busiek

I seem to like playing with form, and the superhero genre has an awful lot of formula to it. It has a lot of formula to it that I don't think it should be limited to.

~Kurt Busiek

The metaphor is the story, not the character.

~Kurt Busiek

If there's ever a character who can only serve one metaphor, I'll probably tell one story with that character and be done with it.

~Kurt Busiek

The metaphors exist for the stories.

~Kurt Busiek

I'm not building each one character around one metaphor, so much as trying to build a heroic archetype that can be used to express the kind of metaphors that I find in each story.

~Kurt Busiek

I think the Hulk has always appealed very strongly to much younger readers than Spider-Man, because Spider-Man is an adolescent character, and the Hulk is a very childlike character.

~Kurt Busiek

"Superhero" is a term that's been borrowed in order to say "big and larger than life and loud and active and dumb." And I don't think that's a useful definition. That's more a dismissal.

~Kurt Busiek

I think James Bond is a spy. He's not superhuman. Calling him a superhero is like calling James Bond movies "comic-book movies."

~Kurt Busiek

I wanted to be a writer, but the idea of writing novels or movies seemed really intimidating. I never got more than a few pages into one.

~Kurt Busiek

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