

Lynda Barry

Quotes

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If it is your time, love will track you down like a cruise missile.

~Lynda Barry

The strips are nearly effortless unless I am really emotionally upset, a wreck.

~Lynda Barry

Love is an exploding cigar we willingly smoke.

~Lynda Barry

We don't create a fantasy world to escape reality. We create it to be able to stay.

~Lynda Barry

I started doing cartoons when I was about 21. I never thought I would be a cartoonist. It happened behind my back. I was always a painter and drawer.

~Lynda Barry

I am not sure how much I would like being married if I wasn't married to him. A man who likes flea markets and isn't gay? I knew I was lucky.

~Lynda Barry

If I didn't try to eavesdrop on every bus ride I take or look for the humor when I go for a walk, I would just be depressed all the time.

~Lynda Barry

No matter what, expect the unexpected. And whenever possible BE the unexpected.

~Lynda Barry

I was unable to sleep and I would stay up and draw these little cartoons. Then a friend showed them around. Before I knew it I was a cartoonist.

~Lynda Barry

Sometimes, I think the only art left for us is slowly peeling the label off a beer bottle while somebody tells you about a dream they had.

~Lynda Barry

are memories pictures or the secret doorway?

~Lynda Barry

What year is it in your imagination?

~Lynda Barry

You have to be willing to spend time making things for no known reason.

~Lynda Barry

At the center of everything we call 'the arts,' and children call 'play,' is something which seems somehow alive.

~Lynda Barry

I live in constant fear of being fired or dropped for that dark part of my work I can't control.

~Lynda Barry

In life there are always these things happening if you can just get the joke.

~Lynda Barry

Humor is such a wonderful thing, helping you realize what a fool you are but how beautiful that is at the same time.

~Lynda Barry

I wasn't afraid to be laughed at or be loud.

~Lynda Barry

As I enter the small intestine I get squeezed by muscles. Its dark and the walls look like slimey crushed velvet theres pancreas juice on me help me I am disintegrating.

~Lynda Barry

Remember how you used to be able to feel your bed breathing and the walls spinning when you were a kid?

~Lynda Barry

Always watch the hands. The hands will tell you everything you need to know.

~Lynda Barry

When we finish a book, why do we hold it in both hands and gaze at it as if it were somehow alive?

~Lynda Barry

The thing I call 'my mind' seems to be kind of like a landlord that doesn't really know its tenants.

~Lynda Barry

I do dumb stuff, like playing my favorite dumb Barry White song and lip-synching into the mirror so it looks like his voice is coming out of my mouth.

~Lynda Barry

I've gotten a lot of livid letters about the awfulness of my work. I've never known what to make of it. Why do people bother to write if they hate what I do?

~Lynda Barry

I think of images as an immune system and a transit system.

~Lynda Barry

I found myself compelled, like this weird, shameful compulsion to draw cute animals.

~Lynda Barry

I used to live a very social life and never spend much solitary time looking at birds or reading.

~Lynda Barry

I need to be cheered up a lot. I think funny people are people who need to be cheered up.

~Lynda Barry

I do love to eavesdrop. It's inspirational, not only for subject matter but for actual dialogue, the way people talk.

~Lynda Barry

If I had had me for a student I would have thrown me out of class immediately.

~Lynda Barry

Cartoonist was the weirdest name I finally let myself have. I would never say it. When I heard it I silently thought, what an awful word.

~Lynda Barry

Going on Letterman is like going off the high dive. It's exhilarating, but after a while it wasn't the kind of thrill I enjoyed.

~Lynda Barry

But when the thing that is scaring you is already Jesus, who are you supposed to pray to?

~Lynda Barry

The only reason we find structure in stories is because it's there naturally in human interaction, and in the way that people tell stories.

~Lynda Barry

Love will make a way out of no way

~Lynda Barry

We don't create a fantasy world to escape reality, we create it to be able to stay. I believe we have always done this, used images to stand and understand what otherwise would be intolerable.

~Lynda Barry

I go to work the minute I open my eyes.

~Lynda Barry

In health we're doing the digestive system. We each got assigned a topic for an oral report. I got the small intestine. I swear to god I hate my life.

~Lynda Barry

When I work on a book, I usually start with a question. And I don't sit around and go "I need to write a book. What's a good question?" It will be a question that's just clanging around in my head.

~Lynda Barry

I look crazy. I know I do. Been true since I was a kid!

~Lynda Barry

It is true that I am a person with black pockets of evil and hatred in my heart. There are underground places inside of me

~Lynda Barry

Race and class are the easiest divisions. It's very stupid

~Lynda Barry

You'll never call him Fifi again.

~Lynda Barry

You can't know what a book is about until the very end. This is true of a book we're reading or writing.

~Lynda Barry

If I could only turn the etch-a-sketch of my life upside down.

~Lynda Barry

There was a beautiful time in the beginning when I just did it and didn't analyze the consequences, but I think that time ends in everyone's work.

~Lynda Barry

He's picked clean! Eaten by cats!

~Lynda Barry

I grew up in a house that had a whole lot of trouble. As much trouble as you could imagine.

~Lynda Barry

what is an imaginary friend? are there also imaginary enemies?

~Lynda Barry

Part of a horror movie has to be a bit fakey for me to really enjoy it. The new ones are so realistic that they distract me from the ride through the horror.

~Lynda Barry

For horror movies, color is reassuring because, at least in older films, it adds to the fakey-ness.

~Lynda Barry

Flies die in so many lonely places. -Roberta Rohbeson

~Lynda Barry

I run a tight ship, but I try and make it seem like I'm not doing that at all.

~Lynda Barry

gospel singing ... is the rawest, sweetest, uninhibited and exquisite sounds a person can make or hear. It isn't music, it's an entire experience you feel and live. A sound to rise you up again.

~Lynda Barry

The library was open for one hour after school let out. I hid there, looking at art books and reading poetry.

~Lynda Barry

When you think about it, giving up your real personality is a small price to pay for the richness of living happily ever after with an actual man!

~Lynda Barry

You know that great car-stomach feeling when you fly over a hump? That was my whole body.

~Lynda Barry

People think that whatever I put into strips has happened to me in my life.

~Lynda Barry

The minute you understand racism, you're responsible for being racist. It's like eating from the tree of knowledge.

~Lynda Barry

The happy ending is hardly important, though we may be glad its there. The real joy is knowing that if you felt the trouble in the story, your kingdom isnt dead.

~Lynda Barry

The histories of vampires and people are not so different, really. How many of us can honestly see our own reflection?

~Lynda Barry

I remember my comic strips being called "new wave." It bugged me.

~Lynda Barry

I am about as detailed as a shadow.

~Lynda Barry

You may be a lady but you are still the man!

~Lynda Barry

My goal on my bucket list is to write a romantic comedy movie.

~Lynda Barry

What is an idea made of? Of future, past and also meanwhile.

~Lynda Barry

Dear Anyone Who Finds This, Do not blame the drugs.

~Lynda Barry

A man who has been dead for a week in a hot trailer looks more like a man than you would first expect.

~Lynda Barry

This ability to exist in pieces is what some adults call resilience. And I suppose in some way it is a kind of resilience, a horrible resilience that makes adults believe children forget trauma.

~Lynda Barry

but paper and ink have conjuring abilities of their own. arrangements of

lines and shapes, of letters and words on a series of pages make a world we can dwell and travel in.

~Lynda Barry

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