

Mark Leyner

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Yo! You're my dope dealer not my thesis adviser. If I wanted your opinion about my dissertation, I'd have asked for it, Motherfucker!

~Mark Leyner

â€œEt Tu, Babeâ€• was born out of my absolute certainty that a writer's life was solitary and insular, and I was happy with that. I love reading and writing, it's my whole life.

~Mark Leyner

Sometimes I think my purpose is as a saboteur when I'm working with other people, derailing what they're trying to do or taking things to a ludicrous extremity.

~Mark Leyner

One of the things that struck me as unique about Hollywood is that I never had bad meetings. There were all enthusiastic, but meaninglessly enthusiastic.

~Mark Leyner

I think to simply make fun of something isn't particularly interesting. I try to not just do a parody of something or belittle something or disparage something.

~Mark Leyner

I was an infinitely hot and dense dot.

~Mark Leyner

The interesting thing about something in the back of your mind is that it can travel pretty far back in your mind.

~Mark Leyner

It's in great joy that we grasp truth.

~Mark Leyner

I can tell from about 20 yards away when someone has a manuscript for me. I can just tell - they have that look.

~Mark Leyner

I think of memory as a game, that is as something one engages in with a very profound kind of "playfulness."

~Mark Leyner

I guess I can picture things once they're done - I just can't picture actually doing them.

~Mark Leyner

Stand-up comedy had an interesting effect on me in terms of how I started to think about constructing things, because I really loved the interstices, the linkages, or lack thereof.

~Mark Leyner

My work generally tends to be an all-out, 360-degree subversive take on everything, most of all my own notion of myself as a son, father, husband, human being and male in this culture.

~Mark Leyner

I always thought of my work as being animated by a spirit of unhinged generosity.

~Mark Leyner

Actually what's worse than a dog's mouth is a cat's mouth. They're not dirtier per se, but they have sharper teeth, so they are much more likely to go deep, should they bite you.

~Mark Leyner

In me, speaking psychologically, there is always an ongoing struggle between my enormously self-regarding, almost delusionally aspirational, Napoleonic personality and a marginalized one.

~Mark Leyner

I dont walk around chuckling all the time. My outlook is very bleak. Its worse than bleak, its apocalyptic.

~Mark Leyner

I'm in that very preliminary stage of wondering how exactly to "pressurize" the novel in some way I've never considered before.

~Mark Leyner

My idea with my work is always to fashion something that's impossible to transpose into any other media.

~Mark Leyner

I've always been entranced with theater.

~Mark Leyner

I thought of myself as kind of an anarchist all my whole adult life, from the days when I was 15 or 16.

~Mark Leyner

I'm fascinated with video games, though I can't really play them. It's definitely an art form that intrigues me to no end, though.

~Mark Leyner

As far as what I do, my value as a writer is certainly not to try to recapitulate a 19th century form. Certain styles of narrative don't conform to my style of experiencing the world.

~Mark Leyner

I think I'm a shy, self-conscious person who thinks he's being looked at and tries to look okay. Not in a hottie, narcissistic way necessarily.

~Mark Leyner

My relationship with my readers is somewhat theatrical. One of the main things I try to do in my work is delight my readers.

~Mark Leyner

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