

# Matt Groening Quotes

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Son, if you really want something in life, you have to work for it. Now quiet, they're about to announce the lottery numbers.

~Matt Groening

The scary thing about the future... there will be tiny cameras everywhere, and they'll be flying around like mosquitoes and drones. That will be bad. Drones are scary. You can't reason with a drone.

~Matt Groening

Vampires are make-believe, like elves, gremlins, and eskimos.

~Matt Groening

God often gives nuts to toothless people.

~Matt Groening

Donuts. Is there anything they can't do?

~Matt Groening

America's health care system is second only to Japan, Canada, Sweden, Great Britain, well ... all of Europe. But you can thank your lucky stars we don't live in Paraguay!

~Matt Groening

Love is a snowmobile racing across the tundra and then suddenly it flips over, pinning you underneath. At night, the ice weasels come.

~Matt Groening

Public transportation is for jerks and lesbians.

~Matt Groening

I'll keep it short and sweet - Family. Religion. Friendship. These are the three demons you must slay if you wish to succeed in business.

~Matt Groening

You should listen to your heart, and not the voices in your head.

~Matt Groening

We've got a bunch of new writers now who tell me they grew up watching The Simpsons. It's bizarre, and they're writing some very funny stuff.

~Matt Groening

Families are about love overcoming emotional torture.

~Matt Groening

You tried your best and you failed miserably. The lesson is 'never try.'  
Homer Simpson

~Matt Groening

If God didn't want us to eat cows, why are they made out of meat?

~Matt Groening

A woman is like beer. They look good, they smell good, and you'd step over your own mother just to get one!

~Matt Groening

Weaseling out of things is important to learn. It's what separates us from the animals... except the weasel.

~Matt Groening

First you get the sugar, then you get the power, then you get the women.

~Matt Groening

English? Who needs that? I'm never going to England.

~Matt Groening

When I look at the smiles on all the children's faces...I just know they're

about to jab me with something.

~Matt Groening

A lot of people believe that if everybody just did what they were told - obeyed - everything would be fine. But that's not what life is all about. That's not real. It's never going to happen.

~Matt Groening

You know boys, a nuclear reactor is a lot like women. You just have to read the manual and press the right button.

~Matt Groening

Are we alone in an uncaring universe, or is God some kind of wiseguy?

~Matt Groening

Homer no function beer well without.

~Matt Groening

My life changed when I was able to not only get seated in nice restaurants, I was given free appetizers. That was like, "Oh, my God, I've arrived".

~Matt Groening

I thought I had an appetite for destruction, but all I wanted was a club sandwich.

~Matt Groening

I like my beer cold, my TV loud, and my homosexuals flaming.

~Matt Groening

I plead alignment to the flakes of the untitled snakes of a merry cow and to the republicrats for which they scam: one nacho, underpants with licorice and jugs of wine for owls.

~Matt Groening

No matter how good you are at something, there's always about a million people better than you.

~Matt Groening

Oh, loneliness and cheeseburgers are a dangerous mix.

~Matt Groening

When will I learn? The answers to life's problems aren't at the bottom of a bottle. They're on TV!

~Matt Groening

Here's to alcohol: the cause of, and answer to, all of life's problems.

~Matt Groening

Because good writing in a TV cartoon is so rare, I think the animation on The Simpsons is often overlooked.

~Matt Groening

When you do things right, people won't be sure you've done anything at all.

~Matt Groening

Love is a perky elf dancing a merry little jig and then suddenly he turns on you with a miniature machine gun.

~Matt Groening

Actually, I've been working on a plan. During the exam, I'll hide under some coats, and hope that somehow everything will work out.

~Matt Groening

I'd be vegetarian if bacon grew on trees

~Matt Groening

I went to Bali, and I was in a small village, and somebody who was with

me showed a woman a little figurine of Bart and asked: 'Do you know who this is?' And she said: 'Mickey Mouse.'

~Matt Groening

Part of the fun of being alive is knowing that you're annoying the hell out of someone else.

~Matt Groening

When authorities warn you of the sinfulness of sex, there is an important lesson to be learned. Do not have sex with the authorities.

~Matt Groening

My standard comment is, If you don't want your kids to be like Bart Simpson, don't act like Homer Simpson.

~Matt Groening

It's not easy to juggle a pregnant wife and a troubled child, but somehow I managed to fit in eight hours of TV a day.

~Matt Groening

You can't keep blaming yourself. Just blame yourself once, and move on." Homer Simpson

~Matt Groening

This doesn't happen in America! Maybe Ohio, but not in America!" Homer Simpson

~Matt Groening

One of the great things about the Internet is that you can read what everybody has to say about everything. It is fascinating to me, the critiques about humor by people who have no sense of humor.

~Matt Groening

Basically, everything I try to do is to present an alternative to what

somebody else is doing.

~Matt Groening

Lisa: 'Do we have any food that wasn't brutally slaughtered?' Homer: 'Well, I think the veal died of loneliness.'

~Matt Groening

I like the 'Simpsons' pinball machines. Those are pretty great.

~Matt Groening

Masturbation is nothing to be ashamed of. It's nothing to be particularly proud of, either.

~Matt Groening

In 'Futurama,' the skin color is no longer yellow. They have actually evolved to cartoon skin tone. But they still have four fingers.

~Matt Groening

How can I be expected to love someone who tries such crude manipulations as bringing me breakfast in bed?

~Matt Groening

Aren't we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? You know, the birth of Santa.

~Matt Groening

If people only knew how much I secretly hated them, they'd love me for holding it in.

~Matt Groening

I'm a fan of animation and so, the more stuff that doesn't look like the other stuff that's out there, I'm in favor.

~Matt Groening

The entire world of grown-ups is corrupt and stupid.

~Matt Groening

Of course I've gone mad with power! Have you ever tried going mad without power? It's boring and no one listens to you! â€” Russ Cargill

~Matt Groening

It's just hard not to listen to TV: it's spent so much more time raising us than parents have.

~Matt Groening

I don't have to be careful, I've got a gun.

~Matt Groening

I'm better than dirt. Well, most kinds of dirt, not that fancy store-bought dirt... I can't compete with that stuff.

~Matt Groening

We've been running a little behind schedule. But only by about 15 years or so.

~Matt Groening

I'm normally not a praying man, but if you're up there, please save me, Superman. Homer Simpson

~Matt Groening

Don't have a cow, man.

~Matt Groening

You know, the courts may not be working any more, but as long as everyone is videotaping everyone else, justice will be done.

~Matt Groening

But Marge, what if we chose the wrong religion? Each week we just



make God madder and madder.

~Matt Groening

Ah, sweet pity. Where would my love life be without it?

~Matt Groening

Everybody is clever, just in their own ways

~Matt Groening

I draw a weekly comic strip called Life in Hell, which is syndicated in about 250 newspapers. That's what I did before The Simpsons, and what I plan to do for the rest of my life.

~Matt Groening

When will people learn? Democracy doesn't work!" (Homer Simpson)

~Matt Groening

If I have one technology tip of the day, it's this: No matter how good the video on YouTube is, don't read the comments, just don't, because it will make you hate all humans.

~Matt Groening

If something is too hard to do, then it's not worth doing. You just stick that guitar in the closet next to your shortwave radio, your karate outfit and your unicycle and we'll go inside and watch TV.

~Matt Groening

For some reason, a lot of Hollywood big shots are curious to see how they'd be drawn with bulging eyes and no chin.

~Matt Groening

'The Simpsons' is about alienation and the ambivalence of living with a family who you love but who drive you completely crazy.

~Matt Groening

Sometimes people get mad at The Simpsons' subversive story telling, but there's another message in there, which is a celebration of making wild, funny stories.

~Matt Groening

I'm presently incarcerated. Convicted of a crime I didn't even commit. Hah! "Attempted murder"? Now honestly, what is that? Do they give a Nobel prize for attempted chemistry? Do they?

~Matt Groening

I've loved science fiction ever since I was a little kid, mainly from looking at the covers of science-fiction magazines and books, and I've read quite extensively as an adult.

~Matt Groening

Everybody doesn't have to get every joke. People really appreciate not being condescended to.

~Matt Groening

I also found child's play - stuff that was not considered serious, but goofy - was the stuff I liked to do, so I still do it as an adult.

~Matt Groening

I'm a level 5 vegan, I don't eat anything that casts a shadow.

~Matt Groening

I think people who work in comedy and humor are hesitant to analyze it too much, because you feel like if you take it apart, you'll break it and not be able to put it back together again.

~Matt Groening

I believe that children are our future. Unless we stop them now.

~Matt Groening

I can't believe it! Reading and writing actually paid off!

~Matt Groening

I know all those words, but that sentence makes no sense to me.

~Matt Groening

The French are funny, sex is funny, and comedies are funny, yet no French sex comedies are funny.

~Matt Groening

The writers led by Mike Scully are fantastic. And they're creating original stories that not only don't repeat what we've already done, they also don't repeat anything I've seen on television.

~Matt Groening

Solitude never hurt anyone. Emily Dickinson lived alone, and she wrote some of the most beautiful poetry the world has ever known... then went crazy as a loon." Lisa Simpson

~Matt Groening

'The Simpsons' is an especially collaborative show.

~Matt Groening

I didn't lie, I was writing fiction with my mouth.

~Matt Groening

With animation because you can draw anything and do anything and have the characters do whatever you want the tendency is to be very loose with the boundaries and the rules.

~Matt Groening

Being a good embalmer is a thankless job.

~Matt Groening

Ned, have you considered any of the other major religions? They're all pretty much the same.

~Matt Groening

But we all had an agreement to let each other get away with everything!  
That's Capitalism!

~Matt Groening

Do my worst, eh? Smithers, release the robotic Richard Simmons."  
--Mr. Burns

~Matt Groening

I have less to do with 'The Simpsons' every season, but I stick my nose in here and there. Basically, it's just trying to keep the characters consistent and making sure the show has a soul.

~Matt Groening

Cartooning is for people who can't quite draw and can't quite write. You combine the two half-talents and come up with a career.

~Matt Groening

I always say that 'Futurama' is real, and 'The Simpsons' is fiction.

~Matt Groening

I think in daily newspapers, the way comic strips are treated, it's as if newspaper publishers are going out of their way to kill the medium.

~Matt Groening

Most TV shows don't reward you for paying attention.

~Matt Groening

A lot of our writers, like Conan O'Brien, moved on to other things.

~Matt Groening

Humor does depend on surprise, and the things that people remember as the funniest things in the world, you look at later and you go, "What? What was that all about?"

~Matt Groening

I want it to go on, but I want us to go out on top.

~Matt Groening

Well, most grown-ups forget what it was like to be a kid. I vowed that I would never forget.

~Matt Groening

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