

Michael Ian Black

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I don't chase after things, but I put forward the effort and know the rest of it is out of my hands.

~Michael Ian Black

I don't necessarily self-identify as a writer, 'cause it implies a certain level of intelligence.

~Michael Ian Black

The thing about narcissistic people is that they don't think they're being narcissistic.

~Michael Ian Black

Your harshest critic is always going to be yourself. Don't ignore that critic, but don't give it more attention than it deserves.

~Michael Ian Black

I take my coffee like I take my women... strong... black... and proud.

~Michael Ian Black

Internet fame is like regular fame only without all the annoying 'money' and 'power.'

~Michael Ian Black

Super excited about things I'm going to do; never excited about things I'm actually doing.

~Michael Ian Black

You have to lead, in the case of a game show, a contestant through the architecture of the show. So there's a lot of rules there, literal and implied, that you have to navigate.

~Michael Ian Black

Whatever I write I publish. Because that's where the money is.

~Michael Ian Black

So my reaction to hearing this corny-ass, horrible song ["With Arms Wide Open" by Creed] is violent, uncontrollable, sustained weeping.

~Michael Ian Black

Shuffling really isn't something you should be doing on your deathbed.

~Michael Ian Black

Hosting a show, even a talk show or a game show, there's so much business you have to conduct. There's so much guiding you have to do.

~Michael Ian Black

Hosting a game show is so bizarre and uniquely its own thing. Anytime I'm hosting something, I try to bring as much of myself to it as I can, but it's always going to be incomplete.

~Michael Ian Black

I probably should be thinking of better ideas on how to promote myself, but I don't really spend a lot of time doing it. I really don't know how to promote effectively.

~Michael Ian Black

I think writing for anybody helps you order your life. It helps you arrange your emotions and your thoughts and it helps to provide perspective.

~Michael Ian Black

As an actor, you can show up on a set and be on a TV show for three or four years, or whatever it is and, by the end of it, you just want to do something else.

~Michael Ian Black

The characters that I have on Twitter have very little resemblance to me, the person who's writing them.

~Michael Ian Black

I was very surprised how many people were earnestly reminiscing about the '80s. It's such a stupid thing to do, like, to be honestly invested in nostalgia. It never even occurred to me to do that.

~Michael Ian Black

I'll never admit that I'm an actor, because the next horrible follow-up question is always, "Oh, what have I seen you in?"

~Michael Ian Black

Things you never thought were going to turn into something end up being the most important things in your life. You have to learn to not try to control it.

~Michael Ian Black

I think people just love to win.

~Michael Ian Black

If I revise a children's book, if I'm spending three hours on the first draft, I'm probably spending 30 minutes revising it. I mean, come on! But to redo a painting? That's hard work.

~Michael Ian Black

There is something about the human condition. I don't think dogs are like "If only I was a poodle instead of a golden retriever, I'd be totally happy." Dogs are happy with who they are.

~Michael Ian Black

It doesn't matter what you're chasing, when you get there you're gonna be like, "Oh, is this all? It kind of sucks."

~Michael Ian Black

I can be a snarky Asshole, or I can be sort of mentally impaired. It's very hard for me to just be normal human being.

~Michael Ian Black

The illustrators work so much harder on the books than the writers do. I mean, that's so much work doing what they do, and it's terrible for them.

~Michael Ian Black

There's things I know I'm good at, and those things interest me less and less. I learn a lot more from doing it wrong than I do from doing it right.

~Michael Ian Black

I don't really read children's books or deal with children's books, so I don't have any relationship with them other than my own.

~Michael Ian Black

My goal is to work. That's the goal of most actors or performers: to work and keep working, and do the best you can, and keep growing and changing, trying to improve your craft.

~Michael Ian Black

I don't watch that much comedy. I think it's professional jealousy. That and a lack of support for my community.

~Michael Ian Black

I imagine there's a level of narcissism that goes into thinking you're enough.

~Michael Ian Black

My fear is if I expose myself, not so much that I'll be hurt, but that the reaction will be "Is that all there is? Is that the entirety of you? Because it's boring."

~Michael Ian Black

That's been my fear all along. That I'm not enough, and I still don't trust at all that I am.

~Michael Ian Black

If you say "I'm going to be an actor, but I'll get a teaching degree just in case," when things get hard, you'll just be a teacher and that's how you get stuck.

~Michael Ian Black

The Atkins' diet is where you eat bacon for six or seven months...and the end result is that you lose weight. Because you're dead.

~Michael Ian Black

All my friends were girls. Then my mom's strident feminism for years where men were thought of as the enemy, I just didn't know what the right way to be a man was.

~Michael Ian Black

I hope you die.... P.S. If you do die, I'm going to go to the funeral and finger your corpse.

~Michael Ian Black

Kids love to be silly, they love to laugh, so I think it was natural for my kids to like the sort of books that I write - and it's the only kinds of books I'm capable of writing.

~Michael Ian Black

The global business climate is likewhatever, dude.

~Michael Ian Black

I think people hate me pretty much across the board, which is nice.

~Michael Ian Black

Part of what's exciting to me about my career is the constant looking forward. Whenever I finish one project, I am looking to what's next.

~Michael Ian Black

I used to need the character but as I've gotten older I need it less and

less - I prefer to play some version of myself. To approach any acting job as me just being me.

~Michael Ian Black

I'm very introverted, so it requires a huge effort for me to put on a smile and extend a hand and accept compliments. I would much rather be insulted than complimented any day.

~Michael Ian Black

I never really understood what was expected of me as a man, or how I was supposed to interact with women, but worse, with other guys. I did not relate to them.

~Michael Ian Black

The things I care about are the most pedestrian things in the world. I care about good ice cream and being a good dad and a decent husband.

~Michael Ian Black

It's such a deliberate thing to sit down and write a tweet. You're putting yourself out there in a very deliberate way, and over however many tweets, you start to create a character for yourself.

~Michael Ian Black

Twitter is about creating whatever persona you want to create and either sticking with it or changing it or evolving it or contradicting it, and I've done all that stuff.

~Michael Ian Black

With stand-up, you can be as freeform as you want to be. You can say what you want, how you want, at any moment without constraint.

~Michael Ian Black

I think in doing stand-up there are no rules and there's no architecture.

~Michael Ian Black

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