

# Paul Merton Quotes

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On my first day in New York a guy asked me if I knew where Central Park was. When I told him I didn't, he said: Do you mind if I mug you here?

~Paul Merton

When I wake up on a Monday morning and I realise I don't have to go and work at the civil service, I really think I've won.

~Paul Merton

My school days were the happiest days of my life; which should give you some indication of the misery I've endured over the past twenty-five years.

~Paul Merton

I was trying to organise my DVDs into a sort of chronological order, and I am afraid that it all trailed off after the Sixties.

~Paul Merton

I don't consider myself a fashion victim. I consider fashion a victim of me.

~Paul Merton

I'll never forget my first experience of swede. It was at school and I thought I was getting mashed potato. I've never got over it.

~Paul Merton

I remember being fascinated by the very nature of comedy from the age of 10; why is this funny, and that isn't?

~Paul Merton

All disc jockeys are without talent. Noel Edmonds - I can't stand Noel Edmonds.

~Paul Merton

If you stay in a house and you go to the bathroom and there is no toilet paper, you can always slide down the banisters. Don't tell me you haven't done it.

~Paul Merton

I don't always vote in general elections, but I think I've always voted Labour.

~Paul Merton

If you became a comedian in the '80s, you had to work the circuit and make people laugh. Canned laughter is cheating.

~Paul Merton

I've never been disappointed by politicians. I've never invested that much in them in the first place.

~Paul Merton

Well, sanity, I suppose, is getting people to see the world your way.

~Paul Merton

My favourite riposte to a heckle is to say, 'Excuse me, I'm trying to work here. How would you like it if I stood yelling down the alley while you're giving blow jobs to transsexuals?'

~Paul Merton

When I used to do the Edinburgh Festival, there was a bunch of guys selling fresh oysters and I'd eat ten daily - marvellous.

~Paul Merton

When I turned about 12 or 13, I realised that being funny wasn't about remembering jokes. It was about creating them.

~Paul Merton

I really don't take any interest at all in contemporary comedy.

~Paul Merton

Am I allowed to call myself working-class now? Because obviously I'm now very rich.

~Paul Merton

When I was nine I spent a lot of my time reading books about the history of comedy, or listening to the Goons or Hancock, humour from previous generations.

~Paul Merton

The thing about improvisation is that it's not about what you say. It's listening to what other people say. It's about what you hear.

~Paul Merton

I think having an outsider's viewpoint is interesting and good, especially for a comedian.

~Paul Merton

Have you ever had sex with a horse?

~Paul Merton

And like the old stereotype, I overcame my shyness by making my friends laugh.

~Paul Merton

In fact, I don't watch a lot of contemporary comedy for fear of being influenced by it.

~Paul Merton

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