

Robert Crumb

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At least I hate myself as much as I hate anybody else.

~Robert Crumb

The only burning passion I'm sure I have is the passion for sex.

~Robert Crumb

Killing yourself is a major commitment, it takes a kind of courage. Most people just lead lives of cowardly desperation. It's kinda half suicide where you just dull yourself with substances.

~Robert Crumb

When I come up against the real world, I just vacillate.

~Robert Crumb

I knew I was weird by the time I was four. I knew I wasn't like other boys. I knew I was more fearful. I didn't like the rough and tumble most boys were into. I knew I was a sissy.

~Robert Crumb

You can't make everybody love you. It's an exercise in futility, and it's probably not even a good idea to try.

~Robert Crumb

I felt so painfully isolated that I vowed I would get revenge on the world by becoming a famous cartoonist.

~Robert Crumb

When I listen to old music, that's one of the few times that I actually have a kind of love for humanity.

~Robert Crumb

Hey kids, while you're out smashing the state keep a smile on your lips and a song in your hearts.

~Robert Crumb

Drawing is a way for me to articulate things inside myself that I can't otherwise grasp.

~Robert Crumb

Your vigor for life appalls me.

~Robert Crumb

I'm just a negative person, a deeply negative person. I see the worst aspects of everything.

~Robert Crumb

I lose patience with long stories. I get people who go, "Crumb, do some long stories, do a graphic novel." Novel-schmovel.

~Robert Crumb

The Bible was not written for entertainment purposes, so it's a real hodgepodge and a compendium of all kinds of stuff.

~Robert Crumb

Most of my adult life I had this towering contempt for America.

~Robert Crumb

Everything that is strong in me has gone into my art work.

~Robert Crumb

I'm an outsider. I will always be an outsider.

~Robert Crumb

The comics are where all the crazy subconscious stuff comes out.

~Robert Crumb

Violence begets violence, and then you get leaders who are violent men. And you don't want that.

~Robert Crumb

There's some connection between visual images and music. But there's plenty of old records where I have no idea what the band looked like, or even what sort of context the music was played in.

~Robert Crumb

I guess I didn't enjoy drawing very much. It was like homework.

~Robert Crumb

The work itself is what motivates me. I like my own stuff, you know? I like the way it looks. I do it to please myself first.

~Robert Crumb

When people say 'What are underground comics?' I think the best way you can define them is just the absolute freedom involved... we didn't have anyone standing over us.

~Robert Crumb

The fine-art world knows very little about the cartoon world.

~Robert Crumb

Throwaway pens are no good - I never liked them. I've tried them all.

~Robert Crumb

I didn't invent anything; it's all there in the culture; it's not a big mystery. I just combine my personal experience with classic cartoon stereotypes.

~Robert Crumb

I don't do album covers or CD covers for groups or musicians I don't like or have no interest in.

~Robert Crumb

There's many heroic underappreciated investigative journalists.

~Robert Crumb

I still can't spend a lot of money on records at collector prices. There's something in me that just won't allow me to do that. But I will trade my artwork, which I know is worth thousands of dollars.

~Robert Crumb

They can buy talent. You can't buy it for yourself, but you can buy other people's talent to serve your purposes. And once an artist does that, he becomes like a plaything of the rich.

~Robert Crumb

Yeah, I was a child of American popular culture.

~Robert Crumb

I use photos a lot for drawing people and personalities, but they're almost never photos that I've taken.

~Robert Crumb

The French hold onto their traditions. I was always so alienated in America. My work was this constant reaction to that.

~Robert Crumb

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