

Scott McCloud Quotes

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Canvas, Lifetime*

If a comic comes out on the scene and it's really knock-out brilliant, the community is pretty good about getting the word about good newcomers.

~Scott McCloud

Learn from everyone. Follow no one. Watch for patterns. Work like hell.

~Scott McCloud

Art, as I see it, is any human activity which doesn't grow out of either of our species' two basic instincts: survival and reproduction.

~Scott McCloud

Today, comics is one of the very few forms of mass communication in which individual voices still have a chance to be heard.

~Scott McCloud

Creator and reader are partners in the invisible creating something out of nothing, time and time again.

~Scott McCloud

Space does for comics what time does for film!

~Scott McCloud

Form and content must never apologize for each other.

~Scott McCloud

There's a very big part of me that just wants to take all of comics history and toss it on the bonfire. I'd sort of like to get on to the future.

~Scott McCloud

When you're free of editorial control, you owe it to yourself to obtain feedback from friends and readers. Some take those criticisms to heart and incorporate it into their work, and some ignore them.

~Scott McCloud

The ancestors of printed comics drew, painted and carved their time-paths from beginning to end, without interruption, ... the infinite canvas.

~Scott McCloud

My dad was an engineer and so I had this picture of science and technology and pursuits of the mind as being more impressive than artistic pursuits, which I saw as a kind of frivolous.

~Scott McCloud

A medium is a bridge between two minds.

~Scott McCloud

It wasn't until I discovered comics that I actually began to approach drawing as a possible career.

~Scott McCloud

All through my comics career, I was always trying to reinvent the form.

~Scott McCloud

Webcomics are much bigger than any one scene can circumscribe.

~Scott McCloud

My first influences were superhero artists.

~Scott McCloud

The notion of getting under the hood and explaining how something works, that's fairly familiar territory to me.

~Scott McCloud

By stripping down an image to essential meaning, an artist can simplify that meaning.

~Scott McCloud

I don't think the potential for comics in nonfiction has been exploited nearly as much as it could be.

~Scott McCloud

To kill a man between panels is to condemn him to a thousand deaths.

~Scott McCloud

The idea that comics stores, distributors and publishers simply 'give the customers what they want' is nonsense. What the customers wanted they didn't get - and they left.

~Scott McCloud

I wouldn't necessarily have been making books about how to make comics if I'd really felt I knew how to make comics.

~Scott McCloud

My dad was an inventor, and I think I've always had a rosy view of technology, or at least its potential.

~Scott McCloud

I've always been very forward-looking, and it was actually kind of difficult to turn my gaze backwards to look at comics history.

~Scott McCloud

It would take a lifetime to read all the webcomics published in one year.

~Scott McCloud

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