

# Stephan Pastis

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Distance, Cutting, Reading, Add, Real, California, Drawing, Ends, Talking,  
Hoaxes, Wife*

Brits have a better sense of humor in most ways. It's darker, more cutting.

~Stephan Pastis

When you can't draw chameleons and you can't draw blenders, it's a bad idea to write strips where chameleons become blenders.

~Stephan Pastis

If somebody is not on the same page with me humor wise, I can't give them that.

~Stephan Pastis

I seem to be able to get away with pun strips if I add a panel at the end where I somehow indicate that I know it's a bad pun.

~Stephan Pastis

It's best to love your family as you would a Siberian tiger-from a distance, preferably separated by bars.

~Stephan Pastis

Sticking to my schedule, I've gotten over seven months ahead, which allowed me to write a Pearls Before Swine movie script for the big screen.

~Stephan Pastis

I was a lawyer for 10 years, and when you're in law, things really have to get done, or somebody sues you. It's a great trick.

~Stephan Pastis

Most poetry just confounds me. I really want to like it, but I can't help thinking it's a hoax. (p. 24)

~Stephan Pastis

If you put me in South Park, that audience is going to fall asleep in five

minutes.

~Stephan Pastis

The writing is done on the computer, and the drawing is done by hand. I write, write, write, then I hit the illustration.

~Stephan Pastis

A stand-up comedian faces the audiences and gets their immediate feedback. I hide behind the comic strip, and unless people write to me, I don't know what they think.

~Stephan Pastis

If you're from a certain generation, you basically learn to read with 'Peanuts.' It's sort of the template for the modern strip. Its influence ceased to be noticed because it's in everything.

~Stephan Pastis

I don't like drawing characters facing right. If I tried to do that at a book signing, I'd have to pencil it first.

~Stephan Pastis

Basically, I learned to read by reading 'Peanuts,' just wanting to know what they were saying.

~Stephan Pastis

You can write a little and can draw a little, but there's necessarily a limitation on both in a comic strip, since it appears in such a tiny space.

~Stephan Pastis

We need more cartoonists to truly retire when they retire, and not run repeats.

~Stephan Pastis

Repeats are the absolute soul-crushing killers of the comics page.

~Stephan Pastis

When I say 'friends,' I use that term loosely, as I don't actually have any.

~Stephan Pastis

My wife Staci made me go to a wedding last weekend...If it weren't for her, I'd be happy.

~Stephan Pastis

If a restaurant offers crayons, I always take them and color throughout the meal. It beats talking to the people I came to dinner with.

~Stephan Pastis

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