

Walter Kirn

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Reason leavened with a little wit (if possible) is the real alternative to hate speech, meaning that there's no better time for it.

~Walter Kirn

I still believe in love. I always will. It's my blessing and my burden.

~Walter Kirn

Just breathing can be such a luxury sometimes.

~Walter Kirn

Art, art of any kind, shows that folks are trying.

~Walter Kirn

Everyone loves a witch hunt as long as it's someone else's witch being hunted.

~Walter Kirn

Love is a powerful painkiller.

~Walter Kirn

Sometimes, when a person is truly lost in this world, suffocating inside her private bubble where all she can hear is her own droning heartbeat, a touch can be enough.

~Walter Kirn

The most beautiful faces have some ugly in them.

~Walter Kirn

The market is the only critic that matters.

~Walter Kirn

Quiet cunning bested boastful brawn

~Walter Kirn

Some strangers become more important to you than family, maybe because you're not expected to love them. You can leave them whenever you want to. They can, too. Every moment together is a choice.

~Walter Kirn

The best critic needn't be right, just interesting.

~Walter Kirn

The strange anthropological lesson of social media is that human beings, if given a choice, often prefer to socialise alone.

~Walter Kirn

I love reference books, especially collections of memorable quotations, almanacs, and atlases. Facts to me are like candy or popcorn - small, tasty delights - and I like to gorge on them now and then.

~Walter Kirn

He knows, as all the cleverest ones do, that no human being is so interesting that he can't make himself more interesting still by acting retarded at random intervals.

~Walter Kirn

In the age of networked everything, life moves sideways and covers lots of ground while barely touching the earth.

~Walter Kirn

Requesting permission from someone to be honest is really a way of accusing the other person of being so demanding or overbearing that you couldn't be honest all along.

~Walter Kirn

A writer turns his life into material, and if you're in his life, he uses yours, too.

~Walter Kirn

Memo to extreme partisans: If you can't bring yourselves to love your enemies, can you at least learn to hate your friends?

~Walter Kirn

You thought you were found but you realize that you were lost, and someday you may discover that you're lost now.

~Walter Kirn

Spirit was a by-product of activity, like the reflection from a spinning fan blade, and our souls in the end did not reside within us but flowed outward from our movements.

~Walter Kirn

Given Loughner's obsession with meaninglessness and language, maybe Foucault & Derrida deserve some fault here, too.

~Walter Kirn

The best anti-depressant pill for me would be one the size of a house so you could drop it on me and put me out of my misery.

~Walter Kirn

I feel like my head is finally the right size. I feel like it finally fits around my mind.

~Walter Kirn

When Loughner himself speaks and we find out his real influences are Spiderman, 'Gnome Chomsky,' Taylor Swift, and Dr. Bronner, then what?

~Walter Kirn

Short stories are fiction's R & D department, and failed or less-than-conclusive experiments are not just to be expected but to be

hoped for.

~Walter Kirn

The lines we draw that make us who we are are potent by virtue of being non-negotiable, and even, at some level, indefensible.

~Walter Kirn

What was more humiliating, I wondered: having to beg for someone's cold chicken bones or being offered them?

~Walter Kirn

It looked like just the sort of family Americans dream of having: dumb and loving.

~Walter Kirn

To apologize for your personal absolutes, for what Sandy Pinter calls your "Core Attachments," means apologizing for your very existence.

~Walter Kirn

I've been told my old city possesses a 'thriving arts scene,' whatever that is; personally, I think artists should lie low and stick to their work, not line-dance through the parks.

~Walter Kirn

Other people's devotions embarrassed me, perhaps because, like other people's kisses, they rarely looked genuine when viewed too closely.

~Walter Kirn

I preferred that my bad dreams be vague.

~Walter Kirn

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