



Iconoclasts: SEAN PENN + JON KRAKAUER

The following are selected quotes from the Sundance Channel episode of "Iconoclasts" featuring Sean Penn and Jon Krakauer.

Choose three quotes and respond to them on loose-leaf. For each:

1. Rewrite the quote.
2. Explain what the quote means.
3. Explain what significance it holds for you, either in regards to the book, or to your own personal life.

Every time I go climbing, it occurs to me that I might die that day, and I think that's what keeps me alive. —Jon Krakauer

I do not enjoy writing. Maybe because I'm insecure about putting crap on the page... —Jon Krakauer

It's just not a mystery to me why he wanted to come here... It's so hard to explain it. And I know there are a lot of people for who it is a mystery. But it's another one of those things—if you have to ask, you're not going to understand... —Jon Krakauer

People don't get it... *He didn't even have a f****n' map. What an idiot!* That was the point. There's no blank spots on the map anymore, anywhere on earth. If you want a blank spot on the map, you gotta leave the map behind. —Jon Krakauer

He wasn't this misanthrope... He was here for a reason... It was an adventure. It was to prove himself. —Jon Krakauer

Caution can be something that keeps you alive and it can also be a disease. —Sean Penn

Sometimes I think the difference between a good parent and a bad parent is the luck the kid has. You're a great parent if you encourage them to live life and be passionate, and to be brave, and all of that, and you're a bad parent if the one time they do and if they go off just wrong on their neck or something like that... —Sean Penn

So many Alaskans despise Chris... It's like what, why are you like foaming at the mouth because this kid died in a bus? —Jon Krakauer

Both Sean and I have found ourselves at the center of controversies... Both of us have gotten a lot of hate mail and people telling us we're ass****s, but if what you're doing you think is true and authentic, that stuff bounces off of you. I don't care what other people think; this is the way I gotta live. —Jon Krakauer

The worst thing in life is to be bored. A job where you're working eight hours day bored, is hell. I'd rather be dead. —Jon Krakauer

I've always found that by doing things it releases me from fear... It's not about doing risky things, but about feeling the life you're living while you're living it. —Sean Penn

Relatively late in life I learned to appreciate the value of just spending time with the people who are important to me. That's it. It's not about thrill seeking... It's about going where your passion leads and sharing that with people you care about, not just sleepwalking through life. —Jon Krakauer