Homage to New York

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A hundred times have I thought New York is a catastrophe, and fifty times: It is a beautiful catastrophe. - Le Corbusier

The city of right angles and tough, damaged people. - Pete Hamill

On January 1, 2009 I will have lived half of my life in New York City - eighteen years and four months get or take. I descending on the city during New Year Eve's December 31, 1989 (at age 19) ...and partied like its 1999?! Beginning a brand new chapter, transferring into Parsons School of Design, seroconverting at age 22, landing a Ralph Lauren design job before I even graduated, diagnosis with tuberculosis at 24 , etc. (you're getting the picture.) The bittersweetness of it all...

"...if you can made it there (even with AIDS, on disability, but with a loving family and friends)...you make it anywhere, it's up to you New York, New York...?

New York is an arrogant city; it has always wanted to be all things to all people, and a surprising amount of the time it has succeeded. It has always been a city of commerce, and the values of commerce have tended to supercede other values. There is no pretense here of excessive gentility, and the rush was always to the new, the large, the prosperous, the fashionable. - Paul Goldberger

New York is a different country. Maybe it ought to have a separate government. Everybody thinks differently, acts differently --they just don't know what the hell the rest of the United States is. - Henry Ford

I miss New York. I still love how people talk to you on the street - just assault you and tell you what they think of your jacket. - Madonna

When you leave New York, you are astonished at how clean the rest of the world is. Clean is not enough. - Fran Lebowitz

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