

Bill James Quotes

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The business of popularizing crime is how we expose the faults in our justice system. It's how we expose police misconduct.

~Bill James

Standardization leads to rigidity, and rigidity causes things to break.

~Bill James

There will always be people who are ahead of the curve, and people who are behind the curve. But knowledge moves the curve.

~Bill James

Do we need to have 280 brands of breakfast cereal? No, probably not. But we have them for a reason - because some people like them. It's the same with baseball statistics.

~Bill James

Even if Mays is given every conceivable break on every unknown - defense, base running, clutch hitting - his performance still would not match Mantle's.

~Bill James

I have always been much better at asking questions than knowing what the answers were.

~Bill James

I try to take large, general questions that are difficult to resolve and break them down into small, very specific questions that have clear answers.

~Bill James

Well, stealing bases adds some runs but very few, and you lose most of the runs that you gain by having runners caught stealing.

~Bill James

I made baseball as much fun as doing your taxes!

~Bill James

Visualizing the movement finally got me over the top after months of practice.

~Bill James

The human race has been in a long struggle to eliminate murder. And we will succeed.

~Bill James

Letting him manage in the major leagues is like sending Bo Derek through cellblock A without a bodyguard.

~Bill James

Professionalism in medicine has given us medial miracles for the affluent but hospitals that will charge \$35 for aspirin.

~Bill James

Any of us are capable of doing things we're not proud of under the wrong kind of stresses.

~Bill James

(Mantle) was clearly a greater player in his peak years.

~Bill James

Crime stories show us the part of people's lives they try to keep hidden.

~Bill James

Famous crime stories almost always lead to the passing of new laws.

~Bill James

You know one little way in which baseball changes us? We don't even

think twice about Japanese names anymore. You know what I mean?

~Bill James

Serial murders are just the worst stories. It can take an emotional toll on you.

~Bill James

Television is full of fictional and real violence that's turned into entertainment.

~Bill James

In a crime story, the details become tremendously important - where the staircase was in relation to the bed, for example.

~Bill James

There are, I believe, many more false confessions to murders than true confessions.

~Bill James

There comes a moment during a job interview when you're still talking, but you might as well take off your shoes.

~Bill James

We don't genuinely need more literary geniuses. One can only read so many books in a lifetime.

~Bill James

When I was a small kid, I grew up in the newspapers.

~Bill James

You're just too poor to get rich.

~Bill James

Computers, like automobiles and airplanes, do only what people tell

them to do.

~Bill James

It is a very long and very difficult road from a fact to a conclusion. But it is a million times longer from a theory to a fact.

~Bill James

I like to feel that I understand little things about sports.

~Bill James

It's easy for people to grow up in our society believing that certain lifestyles are risk free when they certainly are not.

~Bill James

Crime cases tend to be fascinating until you figure out what happened.

~Bill James

A chart of numbers that would put an actuary to sleep can be made to dance if you put it on one side of a card and Bombo Rivera's picture on the other.

~Bill James

You can't ultimately dodge defeat by winning close elections.

~Bill James

I do have a family, and obviously I spend as much time as I can with them. Though even when I'm with my family, my mind tends to drift toward baseball.

~Bill James

When people disagree with you, what you ultimately have to do is persuade people to agree with you - period.

~Bill James

Do people really believe there's something different about the eyes of murderers?

~Bill James

It's extremely damaging to a fair trial to have people reaching judgment about the case in the newspapers and on the radio before the facts are heard in a case.

~Bill James

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