

Derek Jeter Quotes

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My office is at Yankee stadium. Yes, dreams do come true.

~Derek Jeter

I think everyone is ticklish. You just gotta find the right spots.

~Derek Jeter

I love it when people doubt me. It makes me work harder to prove them wrong.

~Derek Jeter

I have the greatest job in the world. Only one person can have it. You have shortstops on other teams - I'm not knocking other teams - but there's only one shortstop on the Yankees.

~Derek Jeter

Surround yourself with good people. People who are going to be honest with you and look out for your best interests.

~Derek Jeter

There may be people who have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do - and I believe that.

~Derek Jeter

This is why you play - to get an opportunity to play in the playoffs.

~Derek Jeter

The last thing you want to do is finish playing or doing anything and wish you would have worked harder.

~Derek Jeter

I'm not perfect; no one is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes. I think you try to learn from those mistakes.

~Derek Jeter

You don't just accidentally show up in the World Series.

~Derek Jeter

It's never over. You don't want to be in the position to be down four runs in the ninth inning, but it's not over until the last out.

~Derek Jeter

When I was younger, I was always taught not to make excuses.

~Derek Jeter

You have to be confident, if you're not confident you might as well go home.

~Derek Jeter

It doesn't take any talent to play hard.

~Derek Jeter

Your image isn't your character. Character is what you are as a person.

~Derek Jeter

My heroes, my dreams, and my future lay in Yankee Stadium. And they can't take that away from me.

~Derek Jeter

My grandmother asks me to race down the street, I'm going to try to beat her. And I'll probably enjoy it. Competitive to a fault, sometimes.

~Derek Jeter

I'm not one to sit around and be satisfied about something. I can always get better.

~Derek Jeter

If you're going to play at all, you're out to win. Baseball, board games,

playing Jeopardy, I hate to lose.

~Derek Jeter

My dad had been shortstop when he was in college, and you know, when you're a kid, you want to be just like your dad.

~Derek Jeter

You can't be sensitive, because you're going to get criticized. I don't care who you are, you're going to get criticized.

~Derek Jeter

I try to sign for as many kids as possible. Kids come first, and I'll always sign for a kid before an adult.

~Derek Jeter

Everyone fears rejection.

~Derek Jeter

I like to dance and sing when there's no one around, but, if I'm out, I'm really shy about it. So it takes a lot to get me going, but I enjoy being around music.

~Derek Jeter

During the off-season, I go to the movies almost every day.

~Derek Jeter

My parents always felt if I worked hard enough I could make any dream come true.

~Derek Jeter

I always take criticism as a challenge. It's the way I've always looked at it.

~Derek Jeter

I try to stay as private as possible; I know that's difficult, especially playing here in New York, but I make an attempt at it.

~Derek Jeter

Work hard, love what you do, put your best foot forward and never forget the kid in you.

~Derek Jeter

That's how you win - pitching and defense.

~Derek Jeter

When you put a lot of hard work into one goal and you achieve it, that's a really good feeling.

~Derek Jeter

You gotta have fun. Regardless of how you look at it, we're playing a game. It's a business, it's our job, but I don't think you can do well unless you're having fun.

~Derek Jeter

If you're going to win games, you're going to have to come up with the big hits. That's the bottom line.

~Derek Jeter

When it was time for parent-teacher conferences, I remember that I was always embarrassed about what my parents would hear about me!

~Derek Jeter

Good teams make the playoffs, hot teams win the playoffs.

~Derek Jeter

I think when things linger, that's when they become a distraction. I don't want any distractions.

~Derek Jeter

I think it comes easy to work hard. I was always taught, don't short-change yourself. Keep working to get better.

~Derek Jeter

Obviously, you're known for what you do. But you still want to be known as a good person. You're a person a lot longer before and after you're a professional athlete.

~Derek Jeter

Yankee Stadium is my favorite stadium; I'm not going to lie to you. There's a certain feel you get in Yankee Stadium.

~Derek Jeter

I've been lying to you guys for a long time, saying I wasn't nervous and there's no pressure. There was a lot of pressure to do it here.

~Derek Jeter

I can have fun anywhere, as long as I'm with good people. But in the offseason, I like to go somewhere warm, a nice spot in the Caribbean.

~Derek Jeter

My best vacation is somewhere I could hide, somewhere warm and not a lot of people around.

~Derek Jeter

I like to hit the gym early in the morning. I feel better throughout the day when I get in a workout first thing in the morning.

~Derek Jeter

In order to lead people, you have to get to know them.

~Derek Jeter

You forget about it whether it was 15-2 or 3-2. It's still a loss. It doesn't matter what the score was if we win tomorrow.

~Derek Jeter

God, I hope I wear this jersey forever.

~Derek Jeter

The Yankees have strict rules. You can have a mustache but no other facial hair.

~Derek Jeter

There's responsibility, but there's also accountability. You have to be accountable for your actions. You have to stand at your locker when things are going bad.

~Derek Jeter

MVP, you could have picked a name out of a hat... we have a group of MVPs. You don't rely on one guy. You have to get contributions from everyone.

~Derek Jeter

It doesn't take talent to work hard.

~Derek Jeter

You've got to make adjustments as you get older.

~Derek Jeter

You have to take the good with the bad. Some players only talk to the press when they are doing good. When you're doing bad you shouldn't shy away from them and when doing good, don't run up to them.

~Derek Jeter

The only legacy I want is to be thought of as a winner.

~Derek Jeter

One of the best things about being a Yankee is that you have guys like Whitey Ford, Phil Rizzuto, Ron Guidry and Reggie Jackson wandering around the locker room offering you advice.

~Derek Jeter

The big difference for me is that, as I get older, I find it's a lot easier to stay in shape than it is to get back in shape.

~Derek Jeter

A lot of teams, I think, are just happy to make the post-season. Here, you have to win.

~Derek Jeter

Winning is one of the most special moments. Every time I take the field it's a special moment. The fans are the ones that make it special. Because that's what we do it for.

~Derek Jeter

I always try to take from past performances. You never try to get too high or too low. Just play every game, just treat every game like it's the same.

~Derek Jeter

I want to play every day. This year will be absolutely no different.

~Derek Jeter

I want to own a team one day. You know, that's my next goal.

~Derek Jeter

Our fans don't want to see us win the Wild Card. They want to see us win the division.

~Derek Jeter

The Yankees have twenty-five heroes.

~Derek Jeter

Athletics keeps us healthy, gets us up and running around. It also gives you an opportunity to meet a lot of different people, which is very important.

~Derek Jeter

It doesn't feel different being here (at the All-Star Game) I feel like I'm on an All-Star team everyday.

~Derek Jeter

So many people are insanely busy nowadays, and it's easy to say, 'Ah, I'll workout tomorrow.' But you have to set aside a time and stick to that schedule.

~Derek Jeter

The great thing about being a Yankee is that you're always a Yankee.

~Derek Jeter

The draft is a crapshoot, so I've been very fortunate to be drafted by the Yankees, and to have spent my whole career here.

~Derek Jeter

It doesn't seem like the season really gets under way until you have your home opener

~Derek Jeter

I went to school on Senior Skip Day.

~Derek Jeter

The first thing to know about playing baseball in Michigan is, Michigan's really cold.

~Derek Jeter

If I put my name on something, I'm going to be involved. I'm not just going to put my name on it and not pay attention.

~Derek Jeter

As long as I'm having fun I'm going to play.

~Derek Jeter

The one thing I always said to myself was that when baseball started to feel more like a job, it would be time to move forward.

~Derek Jeter

I never think about my own stats, as long as I'm contributing to the team.

~Derek Jeter

I attribute much of my success in New York to my ability to understand and avoid unnecessary distractions.

~Derek Jeter

I will never brag about myself, but my family, I can go on forever.

~Derek Jeter

I get nervous watching teammates. I get nervous for them. Late in the game, pressure situation, I'm nervous for them.

~Derek Jeter

Sportswriters are what make sports great and fun to watch.

~Derek Jeter

I can see how people work out to feel better.

~Derek Jeter

During the offseason, I go to the movies almost every day. You hear about women buying shoes? I buy DVDs. I definitely have a problem.

~Derek Jeter

You know what I want to do? Wake up one weekend and not have to go anywhere and do nothing.

~Derek Jeter

I looked up to my parents because they were very successful in what they wanted to do. I was lucky; I didn't have to look far for role models.

~Derek Jeter

I think sometimes people need to get used to an idea.

~Derek Jeter

I go into every game thinking I'm going to be the hero. I have to, or I wouldn't enjoy it.

~Derek Jeter

If you play well on the field, everything will take care of itself.

~Derek Jeter

I play in New York, man. Criticism is part of the game. You take criticism as a challenge.

~Derek Jeter

Sneak out when things go good. It bothers me when people have good games and stand in front of their locker waiting for the media, then they have bad games and sneak out the back.

~Derek Jeter

I've hung out and dated people I've never even met before.

~Derek Jeter

The guy's (Shane Spencer) ridiculous. No one hits home runs like that. I'm telling you, man, it's ridiculous.

~Derek Jeter

Nine games? It's too long.

~Derek Jeter

Handle yourself like a professional on the field and you have one goal-and that's to win.

~Derek Jeter

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