

Dick Schaap Quotes

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Also, I am driven by a wonderful muse called alimony.

~Dick Schaap

Cliches and adjectives permeated my prose.

~Dick Schaap

It's kind of ironic that the two sports with the greatest characters, boxing and horse racing, have both been on the decline. In both cases it's for the lack of a suitable hero.

~Dick Schaap

I came up with new leads for game stories by being observant and clever, by using the many gifts of the English language to intrigue and hook a reader.

~Dick Schaap

If I got paid, it was no more than five dollars a column, and I still think I was overpaid.

~Dick Schaap

Some people who love boxing might love Mike Tyson, but people outside of the sport are generally repulsed by him and therefore, repulsed by the sport.

~Dick Schaap

Sugar Ray Robinson was at the top of the boxing world during the 1950's when it seemed that he would either win or lose the championship about every three or four months.

~Dick Schaap

All of journalism is a shrinking art. So much of it is hype. The O.J. Simpson story is a landmark in the decline of journalism.

~Dick Schaap

I think on balance, Don King has been bad for boxing. I think he's done some very good things and I think he did a heck of a job of promoting Ali but I think I could have promoted Ali.

~Dick Schaap

Sugar Ray and I talked about doing some articles together or writing a book together but dealing with Sugar Ray was a lot like fighting him. He would fake you in and then he'd drop you.

~Dick Schaap

I think my mistakes were kind of common - leaning on cliches and adjectives in the place of clear, vivid writing. But at least I knew how to spell, which seems to be a rarity these days.

~Dick Schaap

I wanted to be a sportswriter because I loved sports and I could not hit the curve ball, the jump shot, or the opposing ball carrier.

~Dick Schaap

In fifty years of covering the sport, of course Muhammad Ali is by far the dominant figure.

~Dick Schaap

My writing improved the more I wrote - and the more I read good writing, from Shakespeare on down.

~Dick Schaap

Golf is a bloodless sport-if you don't count ulcers.

~Dick Schaap

I worked with Rocky Graziano and Rocky was certainly a character.

~Dick Schaap

Sportswriters have changed more than sportswriting.

~Dick Schaap

I began learning the sportswriting business very early in life.

~Dick Schaap

I got to know Sugar Ray but I certainly would not say we were good friends.

~Dick Schaap

I was also in love with the English language.

~Dick Schaap

My top three were Jim Brown, Wilt Chamberlain and Bo Jackson.

~Dick Schaap

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