

Dorothy Hamill

Quotes

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I was just ice skating. I had no concept of that. In those days you couldn't see the judges. I was this little person on the ice and they were just people that would stand around the boards.

~Dorothy Hamill

I was a bratty little sister. I was the youngest of three, and I often felt as though I didn't fit in.

~Dorothy Hamill

To be the world's best, you have to beat the world's best.

~Dorothy Hamill

If you are a complete perfectionist, then the truth is that this ice skating business will drive you a little crazy!

~Dorothy Hamill

If I'm on skates, I feel at home no matter what I'm doing. If they wanted me to sing and dance I think I could do it just because I was on skates. When I'm not on skates, though, I feel very strange.

~Dorothy Hamill

I think I dreamed about competing at the Olympics, maybe hoping to win a gold medal. Not that I ever thought that I would, but I dreamed about it.

~Dorothy Hamill

I wouldn't say that there's ever been an Olympic champion that didn't deserve to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

~Dorothy Hamill

Every time you go out on the ice, there are slight flaws. You can always think of something you should have done better. These are the things you must work on.

~Dorothy Hamill

I hated to read. My mother could not get me to read. I'm going through the same thing with my daughter now. I love to read now, but I don't remember reading.

~Dorothy Hamill

It's different today than it was then. In those days we were strictly amateurs. If I had wanted to stay in for the '80 Olympics, my parents couldn't have afforded it.

~Dorothy Hamill

There were no competitions on television. The first skating competition I ever remember seeing on television was the 1968 Olympics when Peggy Fleming won.

~Dorothy Hamill

My coach was a great politician, so he did most of the work. He was good.

~Dorothy Hamill

You see the fairy tale - four minutes of glory at the Olympics. I thought my life would be cake after that.

~Dorothy Hamill

I worked as hard as I could. I was always the first one on the ice, and the last one off.

~Dorothy Hamill

I wanted to learn how to skate backwards and they wouldn't help me and they went off and left me on my own.

~Dorothy Hamill

My parents didn't have a lot of money, but we never knew that. They really did the best they could.

~Dorothy Hamill

I always had the sense that nothing was never good enough - striving for perfection. My mother and I had a sort of typical mother-daughter relationship.

~Dorothy Hamill

In group lesson number six I think we learned how to turn backwards and then just kind of wiggle. That wasn't really skating backward, but I guess I was going in the right direction.

~Dorothy Hamill

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