

Gary Giddins Quotes

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Jazz is for joy. It's for euphoria, it's for emotion, and anguish, and excitement, and all of the joys that great art can produce, and if it loses that, then it's lost everything.

~Gary Giddins

You've got to have a gimmick if your band sucks.

~Gary Giddins

I hate the idea of turning jazz into homework assignments. I would never have a quiz saying, "Who's the clarinetist on the Hot Five?" I don't care. If you like the clarinetist, you'll know who it is.

~Gary Giddins

Bing Crosby said that Armstrong is "the beginning and the end of music in America," and he wasn't far wrong.

~Gary Giddins

People should not feel intimidated by received wisdom. You have to discover it yourself. If I tell you that Armstrong is great, it's meaningless; you have to hear it.

~Gary Giddins

Humility is a very important trait in a critic.

~Gary Giddins

If you're genuinely candid and expressive then you're never wrong, even when you are wrong.

~Gary Giddins

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