

Hank Aaron Quotes

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My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.

~Hank Aaron

Failure is a part of success. There is no such thing as a bed of roses all your life. But failure will never stand in the way of success if you learn from it.

~Hank Aaron

It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.

~Hank Aaron

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You may not think you're going to make it. You may want to quit. But if you keep your eye on the ball, you can accomplish anything.

~Hank Aaron

I never doubted my ability, but when you hear all your life you're inferior, it makes you wonder if the other guys have something you've never seen before. If they do, I'm still looking for it.

~Hank Aaron

I don't see pitches down the middle anymore - not even in batting practice.

~Hank Aaron

What you do with your life and how you do it is not only a reflection on you, but on your family and all of those institutions that have helped to make you who you are.

~Hank Aaron

Does Pete (Rose) hustle? Before the All-Star game he came into the clubhouse and took off his shoes and they ran another mile without him.

~Hank Aaron

I don't want people to forget Babe Ruth. I just want them to remember Henry Aaron.

~Hank Aaron

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I've tried a lot of things in the off-season, but the only thing I really know is baseball.

~Hank Aaron

I'm hoping someday that some kid, black or white, will hit more home runs than myself. Whoever it is, I'd be pulling for him.

~Hank Aaron

I had many, many, many death threats. I couldn't open letters for a long time, because they all had to be opened by either the FBI or somebody.

~Hank Aaron

Consistency is what counts; you have to be able to do things over and over again.

~Hank Aaron

You can only milk a cow so long, then you're left holding the pail.

~Hank Aaron

Making the majors is not as hard as staying there, staying interested day after day. It's like being married. The hardest part is to stay

married.

~Hank Aaron

The triple is the most exciting play in baseball. Home runs win a lot of games, but I never understood why fans are so obsessed with them.

~Hank Aaron

The pitcher has got only a ball. I've got a bat. So the percentage in weapons is in my favor and I let the fellow with the ball do the fretting.

~Hank Aaron

There's only one way to break the color line. Be good. I mean, play good. Play so good that they can't remember what color you were before the season started.

~Hank Aaron

You visualize [pitches]. You see it in your head; you think it...I used to play every pitcher in my mind before I went to the ballpark. I started getting ready for ever game the moment I woke up.

~Hank Aaron

I don't feel right unless I have a sport to play or at least a way to work up a sweat.

~Hank Aaron

I never smile when I have a bat in my hands. That's when you've got to be serious.

~Hank Aaron

I never thought we'd ever have a black president. President Obama has done such a tremendous job He just has been unable to get what he needs to be moved at the level it should be moved.

~Hank Aaron

The thing I like about baseball is that it's one-on-one. You stand up there alone, and if you make a mistake, it's your mistake. If you hit a home run, it's your home run.

~Hank Aaron

On the field, blacks have been able to be super giants. But, once our playing days are over, this is the end of it and we go back to the back of the bus again.

~Hank Aaron

Guessing what the pitcher is going to throw is 80% of being a successful hitter. The other 20% is just execution.

~Hank Aaron

I had just turned 20, and Jackie told me the only way to be successful at anything was to go out and do it. He said baseball was a game you played every day, not once a week.

~Hank Aaron

There is no such thing as a bed of roses all your life.

~Hank Aaron

I looked for the same pitch my whole career, a breaking ball. All of the time. I never worried about the fastball. They couldn't throw it past me, none of them.

~Hank Aaron

Looking at the ball going over the fence isn't going to help.

~Hank Aaron

Baseball needs me because it needs somebody to stir the pot, and I need it because it's my life. It's the means I have to make a little difference in the world.

~Hank Aaron

To this day, whenever I'm in Milwaukee, which is often, I'm reminded that the people there still haven't gotten over the Braves leaving ... If it helps, they should know the players haven't either.

~Hank Aaron

I never smile when I have a bat in my hands. That's when you've got to be serious. When I get out on the field, nothing's a joke to me. I don't feel like I should walk around with a smile on my face.

~Hank Aaron

[My father] didn't make much money, and I tell a lot of people, you know, I was a vegetarian before people knew what a vegetarian was. That's all I ate was vegetables.

~Hank Aaron

Didn't come up here to read. Came up here to hit.

~Hank Aaron

Last year, I was sort of a kid and I was a little scared, I ain't scared any more.

~Hank Aaron

I think what separates a superstar from the average ballplayer is that he concentrates just a little bit longer.

~Hank Aaron

Failure is part of success.

~Hank Aaron

There is no logical reason why girls shouldn't play baseball. It's not all that tough.

~Hank Aaron

I am very proud to be an American. This country has so much potential,

I'd just like to see things better, or whatever, and I think it will be.

~Hank Aaron

Can I smoke now without someone taking my picture?

~Hank Aaron

I would like people not to think in terms of the 755 home runs I hit but think in terms of what I've accomplished off the field and some of the things I stood for.

~Hank Aaron

Roger Maris lost his hair the season he hit sixty-one, I still have all my hair, but when it's over, I'm going home to Mobile and fish for a long time.

~Hank Aaron

If I knew exactly what I know now and had it to do over, I'd be a switch hitter. No telling what I could have done.

~Hank Aaron

Whatever we do, make sure we clean up baseball.

~Hank Aaron

I can't recall a day this year or last when I did not hear the name of Babe Ruth.

~Hank Aaron

I came to the Braves on business, and I intended to see that business was good as long as I could.

~Hank Aaron

I'm sure glad this isn't my home ball park.

~Hank Aaron

You know what the hardest thing is? What nobody wants to understand -- is me. People want their memories of me to be my memories of me. But you know what? They're not.

~Hank Aaron

The first thing baseball wants to do is make you a superstar and then say that you owe baseball something. I don't owe baseball anything. Baseball owes me.

~Hank Aaron

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