

Ira Glass Quotes

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It is only by going through a volume of work that you will close that gap, and your work will be as good as your ambitions.

~Ira Glass

The most important possible thing you can do is do a lot of work.

~Ira Glass

We're Jews, my family, and Jews break down into two distinct subcultures: book Jews and money Jews. We were money Jews.

~Ira Glass

Not enough gets said about the importance of abandoning crap.

~Ira Glass

You can criticize yourself to a point to do something better, or you criticize yourself to a point where you inhibit yourself.

~Ira Glass

Great stories happen to those who can tell them.

~Ira Glass

We live in a world where joy and empathy and pleasure are all around us, there for the noticing.

~Ira Glass

It takes a while. It's gonna take you a while. It's normal to take a while. You just have to fight your way through that.

~Ira Glass

You'd think that radio was around long enough that someone would have coined a word for staring into space.

~Ira Glass

It's not a terribly original thing to say, but I love Raymond Carver. For

one thing, he's fun to read out loud.

~Ira Glass

I cannot stress enough that the answer to a lot of your life's questions is often in someone else's face. Try putting your iPhones down every once in a while and look at people's faces.

~Ira Glass

If you're not failing all the time, you're not creating a situation where you can get lucky.

~Ira Glass

You will be fierce. You will fearless. And you will make work you know in your heart is not as good as you want it to be.

~Ira Glass

The entire culture was organized for people who are happy. People who are miserable need reassurance that other people are miserable.

~Ira Glass

When I say something untrue on the air, I mean for it to be transparently untrue. I assume people know when I'm just saying something for effect. Or to be funny.

~Ira Glass

I suppose I shouldn't go around admitting I speak untruths on the radio.

~Ira Glass

But you can make good radio, interesting radio, great radio even, without an urgent question, a burning issue at stake.

~Ira Glass

You just have to fight your way through.

~Ira Glass

Everything is more compelling when you talk like a human being, when you talk like yourself.

~Ira Glass

You'll hit gold more often if you simply try out a lot of things.

~Ira Glass

Go looking for an idea and it'll show up. Begin now.

~Ira Glass

Where radio is different than fiction is that even mediocre fiction needs purpose, a driving question.

~Ira Glass

I think good radio often uses the techniques of fiction: characters, scenes, a big urgent emotional question. And as in the best fiction, tone counts for a lot.

~Ira Glass

Where do ideas come from? Ideas come from other ideas.

~Ira Glass

I'm going to go with Chihuahua, just because I can't think of anything more frightening than a giant Chihuahua.

~Ira Glass

In some theoretical way I know that a half-million people hear the show. But in a day-to-day way, there's not much evidence of it.

~Ira Glass

I don't think I ever played any sports recreationally for my own pleasure. I was bad at them from the start.

~Ira Glass

I remember when I first got married, there was a certain amount of internet traffic on the subject of, "Who is this beard who is allegedly married to Ira Glass? Obviously, he's gay."

~Ira Glass

Honestly, I am so ignorant of how dance works that I cant even imagine a story that you would want to tell through movement.

~Ira Glass

I wish that someone had said to me that it's normal to feel lost for a little while.

~Ira Glass

...uncorny, human sized drama

~Ira Glass

But sadly, one of the problems with being on public radio is that people tend to think you're being sincere all the time.

~Ira Glass

Nobody tells people who are beginners - and I really wish somebody had told this to me - that all of us who do creative work... get into it because we have good taste.

~Ira Glass

Honestly, there are so many things about structuring a story for film and telling a story for film that are really different from doing radio.

~Ira Glass

I am mostly a pretty worried person. In conversations, I am always worried about what to say.

~Ira Glass

I dont take care of my voice at all, which is one reason that I sound as bad as I do.

~Ira Glass

Many times I see you as a portrait of torture.

~Ira Glass

You just want to try a bunch of stuff, because you don't know what's going to be great.

~Ira Glass

For people starting public radio shows, one of the things you have to do is you have to talk every single public radio station into picking you up.

~Ira Glass

I dont go looking for stories with the idea of wrongness in my head, no. But the fact is, a lot of great stories hinge on people being wrong.

~Ira Glass

I seen a pig so big it'd block out the sun.

~Ira Glass

I dont meet many people who are talking about shows on Showtime.

~Ira Glass

I dont know how to read. I get all my news from Jon Stewart every day.

~Ira Glass

I didnt have any particular talent for fiction. I took a class in college.

~Ira Glass

I can only control what I can control.

~Ira Glass

Just when did I get to the point when staying at a hotel wasn't fun?

~Ira Glass

Honestly, I don't see movies more than once.

~Ira Glass

I was a chubby, unathletic kid and conformed to every possible stereotype you could imagine of someone who would end up in public broadcasting.

~Ira Glass

The truth is, I just don't have that much time to see movies. So if I get two hours where I can actually see a film, I don't want to go backwards, I want to go forwards.

~Ira Glass

I don't think I've ever stolen anything.

~Ira Glass

Brad Pitt is really game to talk about whatever and is really fun to talk to and was totally up for discussing anything.

~Ira Glass

Brad Pitt is so good-looking there's a lightbulb inside of him shooting good-looking-ness in all directions.

~Ira Glass

I think the most famous person I've ever met is Brad Pitt.

~Ira Glass

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