

Jack White Quotes

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Playing drums feels like coming home for me. Even during the White Stripes I thought: 'I'll do this for now, but I'm really a drummer.' That's what I'll put on my passport application.

~Jack White

There aren't that many things left that haven't already been done, especially with music. I'm interested in ideas that can shake us all up.

~Jack White

Maybe we should all just listen to records and quit our jobs

~Jack White

Well, I sort of don't trust anybody who doesn't like Led Zeppelin.

~Jack White

Passion is the breath we take, the water we drink to sustain ourselves. Without air and water we perish; without passion an artist will wither and blow away.

~Jack White

Failure comes when we don't get back up and try again.

~Jack White

The Eagle does not escape the storm. The Eagle simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It spreads its mighty wings and rises on the winds that bring the storm.

~Jack White

I think that sometimes love gets in the way of itself - you know, love interrupts itself. We want things so much that we sabotage them.

~Jack White

I won't let love disrupt, corrupt, or interrupt me.

~Jack White

Many days you will want to give up because of rejections and failures. Passion to be an artist will help you prevail where others fail.

~Jack White

It is the pursuit of happiness that brings us happiness, and not the happiness achieved.

~Jack White

People talk about wanting amenities - downtown is the amenity.

~Jack White

Telling yourself you have all the time in the world, all the colors in the palette, that just kills creativity.

~Jack White

Life is simple unless we find a way to make it complicated.

~Jack White

Mastery is the rudder, Mystery is the sail and Magic the wind to move you in your chosen direction.

~Jack White

I would never purposely sing a song about someone I love, I wouldn't want to embarrass them. But for someone I don't like... I would definitely do that.

~Jack White

Inspiration and work ethic - they ride right next to each other.

~Jack White

There have been three times. Once I got in a car accident and shattered my finger. A few years ago I didn't feel like being alive. That's all I can say.

~Jack White

If you're doing something that people want, they'll find you.

~Jack White

I trust no one who hasn't time for music.

~Jack White

If you don't have a struggle inside or around you, you have to make one up.

~Jack White

Our art is an adventure. It is a dream come true.

~Jack White

Do not trust people who call themselves musicians or record collectors who say that they don't like Bob Dylan or the Beatles. They do not love music if those words come out of their mouths.

~Jack White

The only person who is hurt by jealousy is you... Eliminate that word from your life... it may not make you unsuccessful selling your art, but it will destroy your happiness.

~Jack White

Relationships of any kind are powerful, and they always influence an artist. It's inescapable.

~Jack White

When I say nothing, I say everything

~Jack White

A songwriter's heart is pure when they have the desire to keep digging deeper into music. And invariably, when you dig deeper it always leads you into the past.

~Jack White

Success is having a career that you love with every fiber in your body.

~Jack White

I'm one of those people that you have to keep your eye on or I'll wander off into the woods and forget to come back.

~Jack White

Saying you love something out loud with the wrong intonation in your face can damn you and destroy what you're working on.

~Jack White

In my bands, I don't really walk around telling people what to play, just out of respect really. I mean, if there's something I feel in my gut, I'll bring it up.

~Jack White

The secret is planning your work and working your plan. If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you arrive? You can't stumble upon your destination.

~Jack White

I never wanted to play guitar when I was younger. I wanted to be a drummer because everybody plays guitar, and I didn't want to do what everybody else wanted to do.

~Jack White

You can't do better than that.

~Jack White

Jesus Christ, is this an NPR convention?

~Jack White

Great work comes from great joy. Leave the angst for the movies; do art - that is fun.

~Jack White

I know that's blasphemous when you are from Detroit, but I was never a fan of Motown stuff. I don't care for the production much.

~Jack White

I love him (Muse) too much, and you can't hurt someone that you love that much . . . unless you're family.

~Jack White

Can there be enough books to answer all your questions?

~Jack White

I cannot judge what motivates people. We are all moved by one of four things or a combination of these four things: money, romance, recognition or survival.

~Jack White

I've always loved the word blunderbuss. I've always thought that it was a beautiful word and that it could mean several different things.

~Jack White

Passion, for me, is like a shark - it never stops moving.

~Jack White

Some people consider the way Shakespeare was writing about Ophelia as erotomania-that she was delusional in thinking that Hamlet was in love with her. But I don't think so.

~Jack White

I didn't really even think of recording under my own name for a long time. I thought, 'I've got the rest of my life to do that.'

~Jack White

I want love to roll me over slowly stick a knife inside me, and twist it all around.... I want love to walk right up and bite me grab a hold of me and fight me leave me dying on the ground.

~Jack White

Technique plays a part - you have to know how to play.

~Jack White

I dislike the word 'emerging artist.' Emerging connotes to me an alligator coming up from the water. I consider all artists to be artists, not rising, emerging, amateur, beginning, but the real thing.

~Jack White

Your passion must be tempered with patience. Maybe long-suffering patience would be a better word.

~Jack White

Music is what I have to do, I only answer the questions so that I can do it.

~Jack White

Collectors are paying for our education by purchasing our art.

~Jack White

I am a commercial artist because I paint to earn a living. We who earn money from what we produce are all commercial artists.

~Jack White

All of us need to self-promote. We cannot sit back and wait for our gallery or rep to do it all.

~Jack White

Art doesn't sell itself, it has to be sold.

~Jack White

It is not the style but the quality and emotional impact of work that makes it marketable. Unless we make art that connects with people, we won't sell much, no matter what the style or subject.

~Jack White

The true professional makes art when he is not feeling good, if the studio is too cold or too warm or the walls are falling down. We are painters and we paint. If I were a sculptor, I'd sculpt.

~Jack White

I think the sensitivity that you need to create certain things sometimes would spill over into things that shouldn't have bothered me.

~Jack White

Deadlines and things make you creative.

~Jack White

Happiness is more important than money any day.

~Jack White

The biggest failures come round and spring ultimate surprises of survival.

~Jack White

There's Catholic guilt about things, then there's the guilt of being the youngest of 10, so when nice things happen to you, you're not really allowed to enjoy them.

~Jack White

It's a sound bite. It's very of this age, because that's what people want.

~Jack White

It's harder to put yourself in a place where you could easily be seen as a fake. But that's more interesting to me.

~Jack White

I've always worked to find really deep meaning of song and also at the same time having it covered in sugar, so it can be taken two or three different ways.

~Jack White

I just think old old movies, they make you concentrate and pay attention so much more. They feel so warm. A lot of modern digital videotape, it's just too bright. Don't know why, it's not warm.

~Jack White

I won't join another band again.

~Jack White

It was really hard to find people to come over and play guitar and sing and write songs together. So that turned me into a songwriter that way, just so I could be able to play with other people.

~Jack White

Onstage, I don't feel any glory from people clapping in the audience, but when they're pushing me to do something new that feels good.

~Jack White

I've always been making up my own restrictions for myself, from day one, and it's compelling, because it forces me to think. That's always been a driving force for me.

~Jack White

The bottom line is we must get off our duff and make an effort to succeed. Trust me on this, when you see someone successful in any of the arts they have been willing to make an extra effort.

~Jack White

My mother's the youngest of 10 children too, so we have sort of a special bond in that we know what that feels like. It's a strange spot to be in.

~Jack White

I love the way art moves people emotionally. I love the fact that when someone purchases art it is the one thing that will last for generations.

~Jack White

I can't imagine being anything creative in a major town because everybody's doing the same exact thing you're doing. How can you not get confused about what you yourself are doing?

~Jack White

I certainly wouldn't want a song that I'd already written to be used on a commercial. That seems strange.

~Jack White

It's easy to learn but takes a lifetime to master.

~Jack White

I love the Arctic Monkeys . Who doesn't? I'd love to see them live, but haven't got round to it yet. I never get to see bands because I'm never in the same town for more than two seconds.

~Jack White

Selling is nothing more than asking questions and waiting for an answer.

~Jack White

I have so many projects to work on I'm going to have to live to at least 120 to get some of them done.

~Jack White

You need a little resistance-something to fight against.

~Jack White

It's funny because when you do become successful, you're forced to look backwards and try to crawl back into the womb where you first started to create.

~Jack White

As an artist, you take things from your environment, and there's going to be a style coming out of your environment.

~Jack White

People have sort of a problem trying to see an end to a situation as being positive or romantic.

~Jack White

I think that most people, and by people I mean journalists, think that I pre-conceive everything and that I spend my afternoons dreaming up self-mythologizing points of interest.

~Jack White

The most exciting rock 'n' roll band of the last 50 years who are still on the road today

~Jack White

My mother was 45 when she had me, so when I was in high school my parents were the same age as my friends' grandparents.

~Jack White

Art is only worth what people will pay for it. Artists do not get paid by the hour.

~Jack White

You can't be an actor in a small town-you have to go to New York or

L.A.

~Jack White

I have trouble listening to people tell me about their dreams.

~Jack White

It's hard to find other musicians that push you to go somewhere new all the time.

~Jack White

I would never be able to live in a huge city. I'd feel like one of 100,000 people doing the same thing.

~Jack White

The day that music is taken for free by the majority is the day that the phrase "sell out" doesn't exist any more.

~Jack White

Punk is an attitude, not a genre, age group, or time period. What's interesting is trying to define the blues and punk in different ways. They are very close cousins.

~Jack White

I have very little interest in the bottom line or signing artists to help make the label profit. That's a lucky, unique position to be in, but it all comes out in the wash.

~Jack White

The big picture is a nice way to think of things if you have the freedom to.

~Jack White

I don't think about my mom when I'm onstage. I just don't really think about my kids when I'm working, and when we press stop and I walk

outside, they're the first things I think about.

~Jack White

Like the eagle, we (artists) must be able to see clearly.

~Jack White

The Bottom Line: If people don't LOVE our work, we will not be able to sell what we make.

~Jack White

I have so much music inside me I'm just trying to stay afloat.

~Jack White

In all my songs, I take on roles and play characters. It's a unique way to explore ideas and decisions I might not think or make in real life.

~Jack White

It seemed like there was no control over it. I think certain things just popped. God was blessing us in telling us that certain things were going the way they were supposed to go.

~Jack White

The price we sell things for is not important. What is important is we sell art that has to be replaced. You become good in art by doing art. The more you sell, the more you must produce.

~Jack White

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