

James Broughton Quotes

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I'm happy to report that my inner child is still ageless.

~James Broughton

If bitterness wants to get into the act, I offer it a cookie or a gumdrop.

~James Broughton

True delicacy is not a fragile thing.

~James Broughton

The only limits are, as always, those of vision.

~James Broughton

At every crossroad, be prepared to bump into wonder.

~James Broughton

I had a toy theater and a magic lantern, and when I was eight I built a stage for theatricals in the attic.

~James Broughton

Trusting your individual uniqueness challenges you to lay yourself open.

~James Broughton

I tried to stir the imagination and enthusiasms of students to take risks, to do what they were most afraid of doing, to widen their horizons of action.

~James Broughton

Amazement awaits us at every corner.

~James Broughton

Follow your own weird.

~James Broughton

Consciousness is the glory of creation.

~James Broughton

Everything that ever happened is still happening. Past, present and future keep happening in the eternity which is Here and Now.

~James Broughton

Being identified as a poet in France or Denmark or India one is greeted with gracious respect.

~James Broughton

I often start writing in order to excite an expansive emotion.

~James Broughton

My major aim in writing is to set out flags and issue wake-up calls.

~James Broughton

Poetry for me is as much a spiritual practice as sexual ecstasy is.

~James Broughton

Some artists shrink from self-awareness, fearing that it will destroy their unique gifts and even their desire to create. The truth of the matter is quite opposite.

~James Broughton

Work in the theater sharpened my verse and my cinema.

~James Broughton

Acclaim is a distraction.

~James Broughton

Adversity is a stimulus.

~James Broughton

A born poet knows in his cradle that a poetic life is the only life worth living.

~James Broughton

Life is adventure, not predicament.

~James Broughton

I never wanted to dilute my private passion for the art by airing and arguing it in public.

~James Broughton

Dance, vaudeville, drama, movies - as a child I loved everything that went on in a theater.

~James Broughton

Everything is Song. Everything is Silence. Since it all turns out to be illusion, perfectly being what it is, having nothing to do with good or bad, you are free to die laughing.

~James Broughton

My films are an extension of my poetry, using the white screen like the white page to be filled with images.

~James Broughton

The quietest poetry can be an explosion of joy.

~James Broughton

In the world of poetry there are would-be poets, workshop poets, promising poets, lovesick poets, university poets, and a few real poets.

~James Broughton

We are all participants in the marvelous.

~James Broughton

It was as important to live poetically as to write poems.

~James Broughton

And to Shakespeare I owe my vision of the world as a theater, wherein all humans are acting out their parts.

~James Broughton

The most astonishing joy is to receive from the muses the gift of a whole lyric.

~James Broughton

My earliest poems sing of the absolute necessity of allowing love to invade and pervade one's life. That can make the miracle happen in reality. Try it.

~James Broughton

I consider my films to be poems that are all as personal as my writing and as hand-made.

~James Broughton

If you don't fill your days with love, you are wasting your life.

~James Broughton

Ultimately I have learned more about poetry, from music and magic than from literature.

~James Broughton

Most poets, like most people, try hard to be like someone they admire or they are possessed with an image of what they ought to be.

~James Broughton

I like things which appear fragile but are tough inside.

~James Broughton

You're closer to your glory leaping an abyss than re-upholstering a rut.

~James Broughton

Life's major challenge: getting reborn often enough.

~James Broughton

For me, prose walks, poetry dances.

~James Broughton

Most poets in their youth begin in adolescent sadness. I find it more rewarding to end in gladness.

~James Broughton

For me a poem has to sing out of itself and the lilt of it carries the magic.

~James Broughton

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