

James Laughlin Quotes

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Every now and then, I strike something that just goes click, you know, in my head. As Gertrude Stein used to say, it rings the bell, and I feel, this is great.

~James Laughlin

It's all well and good to say that Germans were all responsible for the concentration camps, but I don't think they were. I think that was the work of a small group of fiends.

~James Laughlin

I do read everything that we publish. We usually have to have two or three votes for a book before we take it on. So in that sense I suppose it is an orchestra.

~James Laughlin

I think one ages and one dates. I tend to have a good deal of difficulty in liking some of the new poets.

~James Laughlin

With me it's the whole thing, it's the conceit, the idea, what the poem is saying. And it goes on just as long as is necessary to say what needs to be said.

~James Laughlin

I think that concrete poetry seems to have, as far as I can see, come to a kind of a dead end. It doesn't seem to be going any further than it went in its high period of about five or six years ago.

~James Laughlin

I think there's no excuse for the American poetry reader not knowing a good deal about what is going on in the rest of the world.

~James Laughlin

We do very little re-writing in the office. We often take on people who

show great promise and who we hope will develop into somebody important and someone good.

~James Laughlin

[Gertrude Stein] really needed someone like Virgil Thomson, whom she respected, to sit on her a bit and make her devise some plot.

~James Laughlin

I often feel I'm working in a vacuum, or in a country where few readers hear the sounds.

~James Laughlin

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