

James Richardson Quotes

*Writing, Two, Harder, Greater, Hearing, Ifs, Empty, Best Way, Too Much,
Bitterness, Slow Down, Way, Love Life, Sophistication, Lost, Important, Kids,
Angry, New Experiences, Silence*

Only half of writing is saying what you mean. The other half is preventing people from reading what they expected you to mean.

~James Richardson

Nothing important comes with instructions.

~James Richardson

What is more yours than what always holds you back?

~James Richardson

The best way to know your faults is to notice which ones you accuse others of.

~James Richardson

Writing is like washing windows in the sun. With every attempt to perfect clarity, you make a new smear.

~James Richardson

When I am trying to write I turn on music so I can hear what is keeping me from hearing.

~James Richardson

Sophistication is upscale conformity.

~James Richardson

The happy and the suffering probably understand life equally well, but the sufferers may see a little more clearly how little it is that they understand.

~James Richardson

It is the empty seats that listen most raptly.

~James Richardson

If you do more than your share you'd better want to: otherwise, you're

paying yourself in a currency recognized nowhere else.

~James Richardson

Anger has been ready to be angry.

~James Richardson

All work is the avoidance of harder work.

~James Richardson

Say too soon what you think and you will say what everyone else thinks.

~James Richardson

I don't know what's meant by Know thyself, which seems to ask a window to look at a window.

~James Richardson

Bitterness is a greater failure than failure.

~James Richardson

How sure we are that everyone's watching. How sure we are that no one sees.

~James Richardson

If it can be used again, it is not wisdom but theory.

~James Richardson

Tyranny and fantasy both like to write everyone else's lines.

~James Richardson

Any virtue systematically applied becomes a vice. Morality is attention, not system.

~James Richardson

I'm a kid checking mail, a kid on his cell with his questions: are we in love, Life, are we exclusive, are we forever?

~James Richardson

Too much apology doubles the offense.

~James Richardson

You have two kinds of secrets. The ones only you know. The ones only you don't.

~James Richardson

They say productivity is the key to confidence, and confidence ... to productivity. And they're happy walking back and forth between these two rooms, each the excuse for the other.

~James Richardson

Who breaks the thread, the one who pulls, the one who holds on?

~James Richardson

There are silences harder to take back than words.

~James Richardson

Reason is the lesser faith that steers us when we have already lost a greater one.

~James Richardson

I would never accuse Willie Brown of slowing down, because he never does.

~James Richardson

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