

# Jay Ellis Quotes

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Every artist is a walking business. Your marketing tools are your headshots and your reel. That's what people see that's what your out there pushing trying to get a rep and that isn't easy.

~Jay Ellis

At the end of the day, we're people and we should fight for each other and we should make sure the well-being of each one of us is taken care of.

~Jay Ellis

I try to be as realistic as possible.

~Jay Ellis

I quit my job and for almost two years I didn't tell anyone, not even my family or friends. And for those two years I enrolled in acting classes. I acted in some capacity every single day.

~Jay Ellis

When you go out and audition, you're going to hear a lot of 'No's.' As weird as it may sound, you almost have to love hearing 'no' because you're going to hear it way more than you hear 'yes'.

~Jay Ellis

As long as you're consistently working on your craft, your heart is in the right place, and you pair that with being smart on how you present yourself to people, opportunities will appear.

~Jay Ellis

Ghana is one of the countries in Western Africa that still has quite a few of their slave castles still standing.

~Jay Ellis

If you have HIV, I don't think there's anything to be ashamed of. Get treatment and don't think that you're out of options or resources

because you're not.

~Jay Ellis

Knowing your HIV status is such an easy thing to do, but again, we've created this stigma around even going to get tested.

~Jay Ellis

As a young, Black man in America, I look out and (realize) that our community is the most affected by HIV.

~Jay Ellis

HIV is not a death sentence. It doesn't mean life's over. It means that life's going to be different, but you still get to have those moments that people who don't have HIV experience.

~Jay Ellis

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