

Jeff Greenfield Quotes

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Vision, Player, Office, Law, Next, Shots, Sports, Fate, Southern, Couple,
Murder, Fickle*

After immersing myself in the mysteries of the Electoral College for a novel I wrote in the '90s, I came away believing that the case for scrapping it is less obvious than I originally thought.

~Jeff Greenfield

The niftiest turn of phrase, the most elegant flight of rhetorical fancy, isn't worth beans next to a clear thought clearly expressed.

~Jeff Greenfield

Somebody is going to have to do fancy footwork to make sure Elizabeth and John Edwards get their prime-time shot .

~Jeff Greenfield

More things in politics happen by accident or exhaustion than happen by conspiracy.

~Jeff Greenfield

Something about her eyes or voice has always suggested the hint of a free spirit, trapped in a Peck and Peck cage, dreaming of making rude noises at public gatherings of Republicans.

~Jeff Greenfield

In every debate, whatever the format, whatever the questions, there is one and only one way to identify the winner: Who commands the room? Who drives the narrative? Who is in charge?

~Jeff Greenfield

F.D.R. had to deal with Southern segregationists - and outright racists - who held power in Congress, so he had to yield to that power in order to get his New Deal legislation passed.

~Jeff Greenfield

History doesn't turn on a dime; it turns on a plugged nickel.

~Jeff Greenfield

In politics, Bugs Bunny always beats Daffy Duck. Daffy's always going berserk, jumping up and down, yelling. Bugs's got that sly smile, like he always knows what's up, like nothing can ruffle him.

~Jeff Greenfield

In another life, before taking the veil of journalistic purity, I practiced the black arts of a political operative, including 'debate prep.

~Jeff Greenfield

Television is one of the most fickle businesses that there are, you are in favour one minute and out the next.

~Jeff Greenfield

Well, politics is war, and in war, truth is the first casualty.

~Jeff Greenfield

As a personal matter, I stopped voting more than a decade ago, on the grounds that it helped me as an analyst not to think about making a choice in the voting booth.

~Jeff Greenfield

Victory has 1,000 fathers; defeat has 1,000 kibitzers.

~Jeff Greenfield

Protestations of indifference to higher office are hard to take seriously when the 'non-candidate' is busily engaged in testing the waters.

~Jeff Greenfield

I got into writing and thinking about politics because I was told there would be no math.

~Jeff Greenfield

Describing the jury in the OJ Simpson murder trial: These people have served a longer sentence than some people who have committed

murder.

~Jeff Greenfield

There is no such thing as political science, but there are tenancies so strong that they might as well be called laws of nature.

~Jeff Greenfield

I grew up in New York City, where we played highly unorganized sports: stick ball, stoop ball, and the occasional game of baseball with no adult supervision.

~Jeff Greenfield

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