

Jerry Pinkney Quotes

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I want kids to understand that making pictures is similar to making music; there are so many instruments and so many tunes that the possibilities for how you play are truly limitless.

~Jerry Pinkney

I wanted to show that an African-American artist could make it in this country on a national level in the graphic arts. I want to be a strong role model for my family and for other African Americans.

~Jerry Pinkney

I've always felt that if I worked hard enough and continued to refine my craft, while staying curious about our times and our world, I just might have something to contribute.

~Jerry Pinkney

I never demonstrate how art should be made or what the outcome should look like. Instead, give kids the tools and the materials to make their own art. Have them experience the process.

~Jerry Pinkney

Make it all about the work. Everything else will follow.

~Jerry Pinkney

If you do the best work you can, the reward is ultimately your self-satisfaction - the sense that you have done the best you can. And then there's that piece of how others respond.

~Jerry Pinkney

I feel the calmest when I'm drawing or when I'm creating images. I love connecting the mind with the hand and producing something - that is very comforting and centering for me.

~Jerry Pinkney

We live in a time when there is an abundance of ways we can express

ourselves.

~Jerry Pinkney

African American writers and artists, by the very nature of what they do, will actually enhance or bring together people in a way that might be very, very healthy.

~Jerry Pinkney

I try not to respond with a pep talk, such as, "Everyone has talent, just try, you'll see." I skirt those kinds of answers.

~Jerry Pinkney

I've tried to use the recognition as validation that I'm doing the kind of work that people are interested in and to feel that my work is a contribution.

~Jerry Pinkney

I have to believe that when I finish a project, that I will not only grow as an artist, but as a person.

~Jerry Pinkney

All of us have places that we can go where we feel most complete.

~Jerry Pinkney

If I were to give myself a pat on the back, it would be for sticking with bookmaking as my primary way of expressing myself over the span of fifty years.

~Jerry Pinkney

Part of what I'm doing with generations is that I try to express in my work pieces of my growing up years that I can look back on with great fondness - specifically, a sense of family.

~Jerry Pinkney

I do think it's important to expose kids to artists.

~Jerry Pinkney

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