

Jim Bishop Quotes

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Watching your daughter being collected by her date feels like handing over a million dollar Stradivarius to a gorilla.

~Jim Bishop

A good writer is not, per se, a good book critic. No more so than a good drunk is automatically a good bartender.

~Jim Bishop

The future is an opaque mirror. Anyone who tries to look into it sees nothing but the dim outlines of an old and worried face.

~Jim Bishop

Archaeology is the peeping Tom of the sciences. It is the sandbox of men who care not where they are going; they merely want to know where everyone else has been.

~Jim Bishop

Nothing is as far away as one minute ago.

~Jim Bishop

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

~Jim Bishop

Golf is played by twenty million mature American men whose wives think they are out having fun.

~Jim Bishop

Books, I found, had the power to make time stand still, retreat or fly into the future.

~Jim Bishop

It is difficult to live in the present, ridiculous to live in the future, and impossible to live in the past. Nothing is as far away as one minute ago.

~Jim Bishop

Mulligan: invented by an Irishman who wanted to hit one more twenty yard grounder.

~Jim Bishop

A newspaper is lumber made malleable. It is ink made into words and pictures. It is conceived, born, grows up and dies of old age in a day.

~Jim Bishop

Gimme: an agreement between two losers who can't putt.

~Jim Bishop

The reporter is the daily prisoner of clocked facts. On all working days, he is expected to do his best in one swift swipe at each story.

~Jim Bishop

Scoops of mint ice cream with chips of chocolate cows.

~Jim Bishop

At 19, everything is possible and tomorrow looks friendly.

~Jim Bishop

Nobody understands anyone 18, including those who are 18.

~Jim Bishop

Death is as casual and often as unexpected as birth. It is as difficult to define grief as joy. Each is finite. Each will fade.

~Jim Bishop

I can look at my books with pleasure from a distance. Four feet is close enough.

~Jim Bishop

To have courage, one must first be afraid. The deeper the fear, the more difficult the climb toward courage.

~Jim Bishop

What makes a good writer of history is a guy who is suspicious. Suspicion marks the real difference between the man who wants to write honest history and the one who'd rather write a good story.

~Jim Bishop

A golf ball can stop in the fairway, rough, woods, bunker or lake. With five equally likely options, very few balls choose the fairway.

~Jim Bishop

A good writer of history is a guy who is suspicious.

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Perhaps the best thing which can be said about newspapers in the United States is that they are in chronic disagreement with each other. That is what is meant by a free press.

~Jim Bishop

It is impossible to read for pleasure from something to which you are both father and mother, born in such travail that the writer despises the thing that enslaved him.

~Jim Bishop

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