

Jim Jarmusch

Quotes

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A lot of poets too live on the margins of social acceptance, they certainly aren't in it for the money. William Blake - only his first book was legitimately published.

~Jim Jarmusch

I didn't get my degree at NYU; I got it later, they gave me an honorary one.

~Jim Jarmusch

I think of poets as outlaw visionaries in a way.

~Jim Jarmusch

When I get depressed, or anything, I go 'think of all the music I haven't even heard yet!' So, it's the one thing. Imagine the world without music. Man, just hand me a gun, will you?

~Jim Jarmusch

It's hard to get lost if you don't know where you're going.

~Jim Jarmusch

If anyone tells you there is only one way, their way, get as far away from them as possible, both physically and philosophically.

~Jim Jarmusch

The beauty of life is in small details, not in big events.

~Jim Jarmusch

Each one of us is a set of shifting molecules, spinning in ecstasy.

~Jim Jarmusch

Nothing is original. Steal from anywhere that resonates with inspiration or fuels your imagination.

~Jim Jarmusch

The counterculture is always repackaged and made into a product. It's part of America.

~Jim Jarmusch

I prefer to be subcultural rather than mass-cultural. I'm not interested in hitting the vein of the mainstream.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm like a navigator and I try to encourage our collaboration and find the best way that will produce fruit. I like fruit. I like cherries, I like bananas.

~Jim Jarmusch

Jim Jarmusch: Poets are always ahead of things in a certain way, their sense of language and their vision.

~Jim Jarmusch

Select only things to steal that speak directly to your soul. If you do this, your work (and theft) will be authentic. Authenticity is invaluable; originality is nonexistent

~Jim Jarmusch

No mistakes can be made during rehearsals, only progress toward what works best.

~Jim Jarmusch

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When I left Ohio when I was 17 and ended up in New York and realised that not all films had the giant crab monsters in them, it really opened up a lot of things for me.

~Jim Jarmusch

If you have a counterculture band, you put a name on it, you call them

beatniks, and you can sell something - books or bebop. Or you label them as hippies and you can sell tie-dyed T-shirts.

~Jim Jarmusch

I don't like American football. I think it's boring and ridiculous and predictable. But baseball is very beautiful. It's played on a diamond.

~Jim Jarmusch

Good acting is about reacting, not trying to express something, but reacting to a situation as the character. I don't like acting acting.

~Jim Jarmusch

In the words of the ancients, one should make his decision within the space of seven breaths. It is a matter of being determined and having the spirit to break through to the other side.

~Jim Jarmusch

It's a sad and beautiful world.

~Jim Jarmusch

Separate two particles, place them at opposite ends of the universe, produce some effect in one, and the other will be identically affected.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'd wanted to be a writer and when I came back to New York worked as a musician too, but I found my writing starting to get more and more referential to cinema.

~Jim Jarmusch

A lot of innovation in language comes from poetry.

~Jim Jarmusch

I didn't get the degree because in my last year, for my thesis film I made a feature called Permanent Vacation and they'd given me a

scholarship, the Louis B Mayer fellowship and they made a mistake.

~Jim Jarmusch

I consider myself a feminist, in a way.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm not putting down anyone that does look at their work in that way, but for me I am a hardcore amateur.

~Jim Jarmusch

I always think the Sex Pistols and the Ramones as very, very important because they stripped things down.

~Jim Jarmusch

Life has no plot, why must films or fiction?

~Jim Jarmusch

I've always loved films, always. I studied literature and I went to Columbia in New York and I went to Paris for part of one year and ended up staying there.

~Jim Jarmusch

Before she married my father, my mother was a film reviewer for The Akron Beacon Journal - a small newspaper.

~Jim Jarmusch

I have a real respect for tobacco as a substance, and it just seems very funny how the Western attitude is, "Wow, people are addicted to this, think of all the money you can make off it."

~Jim Jarmusch

Making a film that is in seven days of one week is not a new idea.

~Jim Jarmusch

Baseball is one of the most beautiful games. It is. It is a very Zen-like game.

~Jim Jarmusch

Specific music starts feeding my imagination and gives me a landscape that corresponds somehow, in some abstract way, to the world I'm just starting to imagine.

~Jim Jarmusch

The New York School poets are my godfathers creatively.

~Jim Jarmusch

When I'm trying to imagine something, I have a few elements, a few ideas, maybe a certain actor or actress I want to create a certain type of character for, or maybe a certain place.

~Jim Jarmusch

A cult classic... both a celebration of the unlimited potential of the comic book form, and a perfect melding of inspiring, iconoclastic imaginations.

~Jim Jarmusch

I love silent films. The future is unwritten.

~Jim Jarmusch

My films are about the little things that happen between people that are sometimes far more valuable and insightful than the big dramatic things that happen.

~Jim Jarmusch

America was built on an attempted genocide, anyway. Guns were completely necessary.

~Jim Jarmusch

I think you can only be nostalgic for something you've lost.

~Jim Jarmusch

The beauty of a movie is that you walk in, you don't know anything about it, you enter a world that's new to you, and that's the magic of being transported.

~Jim Jarmusch

I like repetition, but I really, really like variations, synchronistic things that happen where you're not really thinking about them.

~Jim Jarmusch

Just write a poem as if you're writing a note to one other person.

~Jim Jarmusch

[Iggy Pop] is very self-taught, self-educated, but, man, that guy knows about so many things.

~Jim Jarmusch

I started working with friends of mine and that, to some degree, continues.

~Jim Jarmusch

For me, the music is always like the small rowboat I get into at the very beginning of my process.

~Jim Jarmusch

Stupid f***ing white man.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm still trying to learn how to do it, I'm still trying to figure out how to make films, but, yeah, it started then [in 1979].

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm very interested in variations.

~Jim Jarmusch

I know from the past, critics often say my films don't have any plot, that kind of thing. I'm used to being told, "Yeah, it's slow and has no plot."

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm not overly analytical, and I don't set out to make something particularly.

~Jim Jarmusch

My films have sort of amateur elements, a naive quality, yet they have some sophisticated quality, sometimes the rhythm is kinda elegant.

~Jim Jarmusch

For me music is totally freeing, and it's its' own language too. You follow it, in a way.

~Jim Jarmusch

Everything is not laden with potential for drama in life.

~Jim Jarmusch

I think people should have the right to bear arms, but they should be limited as to what kinds of guns they can have.

~Jim Jarmusch

[Kenneth Koch] taught us to be playful, to be very appreciative of other poets, to appreciate all forms of expression. He taught us to be experimental.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm completely intuitive and I don't like to analyze things.

~Jim Jarmusch

I love John Ashbery. He's the - really the poet laureate of English language poetry, whether he's given that or not, he is to me.

~Jim Jarmusch

I think of myself as an amateur filmmaker, not a professional, in the sense that "amateur" means love of something, for the form.

~Jim Jarmusch

You can define everything as being political and analyze it politically.

~Jim Jarmusch

I'm not into killing living things, you know, but I'll always have guns.

~Jim Jarmusch

I never start with the story first, which is maybe obvious, because the narrative line of my films is really not that strong or dramatic. They're very simple.

~Jim Jarmusch

Sometimes I make films about scenes other filmmakers would leave out, so I just make the film out of all the things they wouldn't put in. Poetry allows you to do this more than prose, for example.

~Jim Jarmusch

I love variation in all forms: in painting, in music.

~Jim Jarmusch

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