

Jim Lehrer Quotes

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I wanted to be a bus driver when I was a kid. I look at bus driving through the eyes of a little boy. I see it as glamorous.

~Jim Lehrer

The shouting and opinion and jokes don't exist if there isn't first a story.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm in the civil discourse business. I think it takes all kinds. And more power to everybody.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm a gatekeeper, and the gatekeepers all used to be mostly old, white men.

~Jim Lehrer

There's only one interview technique that matters... Do your homework so you can listen to the answers and react to them and ask follow-ups. Do your homework, prepare.

~Jim Lehrer

Best I can do for them is to give them every piece of information I can find and let them make the judgments. That's just my basic view of my function as a journalist.

~Jim Lehrer

As I say, I'm a discourse advocate. What form it comes is less important to me than the fact that there is discourse.

~Jim Lehrer

I came from a family of Marines into the family of Marines.

~Jim Lehrer

My own view, there is a need for and a demonstrated need for more journalism now than there ever has been.

~Jim Lehrer

There's always a germ of truth in just about everything.

~Jim Lehrer

You want to see an angry person? Let me hear a cell phone go off.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm an expert on the NewsHour and it isn't how I practice journalism. I am not involved in the story. I serve only as a reporter or someone asking questions. I am not the story.

~Jim Lehrer

I believe an invitation from the Commission on Presidential Debates is similar to a draft notice - a civic responsibility.

~Jim Lehrer

If people want bells and whistles and all of that, there are bells and whistles available. If they don't want bells and whistles there are places to go where they are not available.

~Jim Lehrer

We have increasingly fewer and fewer journalists who have any military experience and understand what life is like in the military and in combat.

~Jim Lehrer

The death rate among Marines in Iraq has been more than double that of the other services.

~Jim Lehrer

In television there are only about 12 people who do what I do.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm not in the being-annoyed business.

~Jim Lehrer

If you go to the ball game, you don't need to read the game story.

~Jim Lehrer

I always wear blue shirts and I like wine or purple ties.

~Jim Lehrer

In my case, I was covering politics in Texas as a newspaper man in the 1960's.

~Jim Lehrer

On a daily basis there are some huge ones that are, sure, from time to time, but it is helping the reader sort through all this sort of gray stuff out there.

~Jim Lehrer

The best nourishment for any soul is to create your own risks.

~Jim Lehrer

I have great faith in the intelligence of the American viewer and reader to put two and two together and come up with four.

~Jim Lehrer

Journalism is caring where the fire-engines are going.

~Jim Lehrer

People can say anything they want to. If they don't want to get the news from me, get it from somebody else. It's not something I'm going to worry about, I'm sorry.

~Jim Lehrer

Most of the stories I have covered in 45 years have been gray stories.

~Jim Lehrer

No two people see things the same way.

~Jim Lehrer

There are very few really stark black and white stories.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm in the reporting part of journalism.

~Jim Lehrer

Most of the gaffes I've made have not been funny - they've been stupid.

~Jim Lehrer

Well, to tell you truth, I have learned a long time ago that the trick when doing a debate, any kind of debate, is to just turn off the judgment switch in my head.

~Jim Lehrer

A skill required to be president is to explain to the American people any given thing they do.

~Jim Lehrer

My Marine experience helped shape who I am now personally and professionally, and I am grateful for that on an almost daily basis.

~Jim Lehrer

My writing is extremely important, so I write every day. I just enjoy it. I get a kick out of it.

~Jim Lehrer

Those who know me know I won't hesitate to turn around and point someone out.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm not in the judgment part of journalism.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm a journalist and that's what I do.

~Jim Lehrer

A debate has one purpose, one purpose only, and that is to facilitate the exchange of ideas directly between two candidates, and that's it.

~Jim Lehrer

I have no reason to lie and every reason not to. If I do lie, I will be prosecuted.

~Jim Lehrer

I'm not saying Senator Mitchell's report is entirely wrong. I am saying Brian McNamee's statements about me are wrong. Let me be clear: I have never taken steroids or HGH.

~Jim Lehrer

Make no mistake: When I told Senator Mitchell that I injected Roger Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs, I told the truth.

~Jim Lehrer

Let me be clear: Despite Roger Clemens' statements to the contrary, I never injected Roger Clemens, or anyone else, with lidocaine or B-12.

~Jim Lehrer

If we're going to have debates, let's have real debates.

~Jim Lehrer

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