

Jim Shepard Quotes

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It turns out that our intuition is a greater genius than we are.

~Jim Shepard

The longer you go by yourself the weirder you get, and the weirder you get the longer you go by yourself.

~Jim Shepard

I think there's a playfulness and a distance to Kavalier and Clay that I don't aspire to in my stuff. Maybe I'm more old-fashioned, and less of a fabulist, in that way.

~Jim Shepard

What makes us threaten the things we want most?

~Jim Shepard

She thought she'd put up with however many years of stonewalling for a good reason, and she'd just figured out that as far as Castle Hubby went, she hadn't even crossed the moat yet.

~Jim Shepard

I do find stories - or literary fiction - an apt form for analyzing the world. And especially for trying to imagine the other. An agenda, again, that seems more important now than ever.

~Jim Shepard

I think fiction is all about the exercise of the empathetic imagination. Part of what I do is let the stuff I read about meld with what I have experienced.

~Jim Shepard

Disasters occur organically in my work, in that that's the way my thinking tends, more than that's what I start out by planning. I'm sort of a catastrophist.

~Jim Shepard

I very much like people. I don't much like writers who don't.

~Jim Shepard

Class is the most taboo subject in America. The American media would rather talk about race or perversion or anything else considered taboo before class.

~Jim Shepard

I spend most of my time reading non-fiction of all sorts. Then poetry. Then fiction to blurb. Then fiction I want to read.

~Jim Shepard

Christy has not been given a fair shake. She has not been identified as a competent premier.

~Jim Shepard

I'll find something in what I read that snags my imagination in emotional terms; it resonates with me for reasons more complicated than just that it seems like it would make a good story.

~Jim Shepard

The etiquette of blurbs means it's not hard to not blurb something (if it's not by a friend, or student): everyone knows how many books you're deluged with. You can just say you never got to it.

~Jim Shepard

I'm tempted to do everything. And sometimes I think, "Oh, come on. You can stick that detail somewhere."

~Jim Shepard

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