

Jimmy Breslin

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Don't trust a brilliant idea unless it survives the hangover.

~Jimmy Breslin

If a man, for private profit, tears at the public news, does so with the impatience of one who thinks he actually owns the news you get, it is against the national interest.

~Jimmy Breslin

Rage is ... This is Breslin's full quote: Rage is the only quality which has kept me, or anybody I have ever studied, writing columns for newspapers

~Jimmy Breslin

When you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place.

~Jimmy Breslin

The office of president is a bastardized thing, half royalty and half democracy that nobody knows whether to genuflect or spit.

~Jimmy Breslin

Politics: where fat, bald, disagreeable men, unable to be candidates themselves, teach a president how to act on a public stage.

~Jimmy Breslin

When you leave New York you ain't going anywhere.

~Jimmy Breslin

That's the horrible thing starting out, you get distracted a lot because anything is easier than writing. It's just the same enemy - blank paper.

~Jimmy Breslin

The test of a good idea is its ability to last through a hangover

~Jimmy Breslin

Media, the plural of mediocrity.

~Jimmy Breslin

True New Yorkers do not really seek information about the outside world. They feel that if anything is not in New York it is not likely to be interesting.

~Jimmy Breslin

The first funeral for Andrew Goodman was at night and it was a lot of work. To begin with they had to kill him.

~Jimmy Breslin

Anything that isn't writing is easy

~Jimmy Breslin

Marvelous Marv was holding down first base. This is like saying Willie Sutton works at your bank.

~Jimmy Breslin

Speaks cheerful English and in the past has written this language with a paintbrush that talks.

~Jimmy Breslin

What you want to do is not go to work. You're not missing a thing. The worst thing I did was start work young.

~Jimmy Breslin

Men in the uniform of Wall Street retirement: black Chesterfield coat, rimless glasses and the Times folded to the obituary page.

~Jimmy Breslin

Complainant received immediate lacerations of the credibility.

~Jimmy Breslin

Baseball isn't statistics, it's Joe DiMaggio rounding second base.

~Jimmy Breslin

Out in the ocean, a rope is put around the man's neck. The other end of the rope is attached to an old jukebox and it is thrown overboard. The man invariably follows.

~Jimmy Breslin

The number one rule of thieves is that nothing is too small to steal.

~Jimmy Breslin

Don't call me a journalist; I hate the word. It's pretentious!

~Jimmy Breslin

The other feature is a gymnasium named after another dead politician who was gifted with fast and extremely sure hands.

~Jimmy Breslin

If you gather a lot of stuff, then you write it, write in scenes with dialogue. Somewhere in the middle, rising from all this research like strong metal towers, is your opinions.

~Jimmy Breslin

I became a copy boy. Not for long. I started writing stories.

~Jimmy Breslin

Designed by architects with honorable intentions but hands of palsy.

~Jimmy Breslin

Why something in the public interest such as television news can be fought over, like a chain of hamburger stands, eludes me.

~Jimmy Breslin

Football is a game designed to keep coal miners off the streets.

~Jimmy Breslin

Newspapers are so boring. How can you read a newspaper that starts with a 51-word lead sentence?

~Jimmy Breslin

Precious was one of a large number of people on the street, many of whom appeared to be women; some, like Precious, actually were.

~Jimmy Breslin

I'm on my high school football team and MUST show how much I know.

~Jimmy Breslin

The professional arsonist builds vacant lots for money.

~Jimmy Breslin

The auditorium, named after a dead Queens politician is windowless in honor of the secrecy in which he lived and, probably, the bank vaults he frequented.

~Jimmy Breslin

Go around with your eyes like a camera. Don't lose it by talking. Go and listen. And work!

~Jimmy Breslin

I always react to news immediately. That's my business.

~Jimmy Breslin

I think it would be very good if writers and artists take a stand in electoral politics. They've got the ability to put words together that might reach the ears of the people of the city who vote.

~Jimmy Breslin

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