

Joel Stein Quotes

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I love sushi, but I'm not going to write a column about it.

~Joel Stein

When wine drinkers tell me they taste notes of cherries, tobacco and rose petals, usually all I can detect is a whole lot of jackass.

~Joel Stein

Reporting in general makes me pretty nervous. But I realized: all the amazing work experiences of my life were thanks to reporting. So that forces you to go do it.

~Joel Stein

Online reaction is very different than real-world reaction.

~Joel Stein

You have to live among rich liberals to understand what they're saying. You'll never believe what they mean by 'middle class.' They mean themselves.

~Joel Stein

I've definitely written people e-mails telling them I've loved their stories, but that seems more like a professional journalist thing to do.

~Joel Stein

I don't read "letters" sections of magazines, but I'll read anyone's blog post about me.

~Joel Stein

The people who get places in life just say yes to everything.

~Joel Stein

I can't explain why I don't read comments. Maybe because I worked at Time for so long and they don't have them, so I keep forgetting that they're there.

~Joel Stein

If you're at my level and you go to a bookstore, even a good turnout is not that many people. Sometimes it is. But for the most part, it's not a huge turnout.

~Joel Stein

You really, really have to care about animals to want to kill one. You have to learn all this stuff about them and start thinking like them.

~Joel Stein

I don't like to be in the forest. It's a weird thing. I've learned to have a general appreciation for nature, which has taken a while. But the forest, I still don't really love.

~Joel Stein

The fun thing about journalism is if you go do a story about something, you can now ask three intelligent questions about it. Or say three intelligent things. And that gets people talking.

~Joel Stein

I would be at home reading, because I felt so disconnected from humanity.

~Joel Stein

I wish I'd legitimately talked about some painful moments in my life where I felt insufficient as a kid.

~Joel Stein

You can get away with stuff in a one-page story that you can't get away with in a book.

~Joel Stein

I want to be heavily tied to a city that I write for every week, that knows

my stuff and I can interact with.

~Joel Stein

I'm good at marketing myself through the columns. But compared to other people I know, as far as networking and pushing yourself out there, I'm not very good at that.

~Joel Stein

Early on, even in college, I figured out that it was just more interesting to me to create content than to write about other people. So that makes it more marketable.

~Joel Stein

I try to see what that person is thinking or feeling about that particular day. I just get more of a sense of what that person's like and hopefully it's more interesting than a normal conversation.

~Joel Stein

With a Q&A, you need obviously to keep it snappy.

~Joel Stein

There have been people who represent something very symbolic and I've been freaked out interviewing them.

~Joel Stein

I hate walking up to strangers.

~Joel Stein

I think the local food movement has been taken to idiotic extremes. And so I wrote about that and people got pissed.

~Joel Stein

I always thought that being at Time and tweaking your bosses and exploiting your expense account was just fun. Just joyous.

~Joel Stein

I'm not that clued into what people are that touchy about and how many of them there are and how niche these niches are.

~Joel Stein

People are different in different situations and people are different online than they are in real life.

~Joel Stein

I have a really high bar for being angry. Like, it doesn't even happen every year.

~Joel Stein

I've gotten thicker skin mostly from being older. You just stop caring quite as much about everything.

~Joel Stein

If New Vegas foretells something about America's future, then the culture wars are all but over, and culture lost.

~Joel Stein

You don't get anywhere without saying yes.

~Joel Stein

When I lose my column again, I'm sure I'll get hungry again. Maybe it's having a kid, but it's probably just getting to do what I always wanted to do - I'm really not that hungry.

~Joel Stein

Basically, I wake up, take care of my son for a little while, and then like, "I am gonna write!" And then I wind up.

~Joel Stein

You're not going to change anyone's mind. Especially online.

~Joel Stein

I can't imagine what someone would write that would infuriate me. Maybe if my loved one had died of some disease and someone was insensitive, that would piss me off.

~Joel Stein

It's hard to discipline yourself not to explain yourself or apologize.

~Joel Stein

I don't read the "letters" section of Time magazine. I think it's just my habit as a reader. I don't read comments on stories, in general.

~Joel Stein

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