

John Legend Quotes

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I think writers are prone to hyperbole sometimes.

~John Legend

You learn so much from taking chances, whether they work out or not. Either way, you can grow from the experience and become stronger and smarter.

~John Legend

I was a busy kid in high school - a little bit of an overachiever, I guess. Prom king was kind of silly, but the rest of the stuff was important to me.

~John Legend

Soul is about authenticity. Soul is about finding the things in your life that are real and pure.

~John Legend

We all must follow a different path to let our light shine, and that's what makes us so unpredictable and unique.

~John Legend

The best way to fight poverty is to empower people through access to quality education

~John Legend

I keep learning, listening, growing and experimenting.

~John Legend

When we see people that are impoverished and people who are dealt an unfair hand, then if we have the power to help them, we should try to do that.

~John Legend

Love your curves and all your edges All your perfect imperfections

~John Legend

The future started yesterday, and we're already late.

~John Legend

We're just ordinary people. We don't know which way to go.

~John Legend

My head's under water but I'm breathing fine

~John Legend

The biggest weapon is to stay peaceful

~John Legend

If a relationship is going to work, it will require compromise and, even then, it is not always going to end the way you want it to.

~John Legend

Why wouldn't I help? What good reason do I have as a human being with power and a sense of empathy and morality, why wouldn't I do something?

~John Legend

We should care about what is going on in the world.

~John Legend

I just want it to be timeless and timely at the same time.

~John Legend

Experience is a great teacher.

~John Legend

Musicians are in-season all the time.

~John Legend

I want to make a better record than I made the last time. I want to grow. I want to discover new things about myself creatively.

~John Legend

â€œWe're so used to having everything we want at our fingertips so I think that when things get tough it's â€œdifficult â€œfor people to persist through that.

~John Legend

The struggle for freedom and justice is now.

~John Legend

There are more black men incarcerated today than there were slaves in 1850.

~John Legend

John legend is a nickname that somebody started calling me a while ago and part of it is 'cos I sound like an old man when I sing.

~John Legend

I played classical as a kid.

~John Legend

The best training is to play by ear: trial by fire.

~John Legend

I feel like my job is to make impact, spread love, tell great stories, inspire people, that's what I am going to do.

~John Legend

I was always the front man for what I was doing from when I was 6.

~John Legend

I was the front man of the choir and then when I was 12 and I was the

leadsinger of my highschool groups.

~John Legend

In the 1970s, for all the Stevie Wonders, I'm sure there were five artists that were making forgettable music.

~John Legend

To me, as a musician, there aren't any boundaries genre-wise as far as what can you listen to to inspire you.

~John Legend

You see all these things that make you feel desperate or sad, but you realize changes can be made, and it doesn't take a lot of money on our part to make a change in people's lives.

~John Legend

London is a good fashion city. They're a little more daring. There's the element of the aristocracy, which is always interesting.

~John Legend

As a nation - and as a world - we need more truth.

~John Legend

As a young black boy, it made me proud to see black leaders that did something amazing and made the world change.

~John Legend

Witnessing the extreme poverty in remote parts of Africa can make you feel sad and powerless until you realize how little it takes to change these people's lives fundamentally in sustainable ways.

~John Legend

I'm craving more soul, I'm craving more truth, I'm craving more socially - just people that are aware of what's going on in the world.

~John Legend

I only want to be associated with music that is high quality. That's my main criteria.

~John Legend

John Legend is a nickname that some friends started calling me, and it kind of grew into my stage name.

~John Legend

I like cool jackets - a nice fall or winter coat. You can get a lot of use out of it, and you'll wear it frequently, so it can really set the tone of your uniform for the season.

~John Legend

All men should be feminists. If men cared about women's rights, the world would be a better place

~John Legend

If a few people decide not to buy my album it's really not going to change my life that much.

~John Legend

There's a lot of hurry up and wait. But it gives you time to write a song.

~John Legend

There's so much music out there, and so many different styles that I've been influenced by, so each album reflects some of that knowledge or influence that I've had.

~John Legend

The fun part about collaborating is that you naturally just bounce off each other's energy and learn off each other.

~John Legend

Hip-hop and R&B are especially fertile bases of collaboration. It always makes good records and good music.

~John Legend

I want to move people, stir something within them that makes them feel. That's what a movie should do and an actor should do, make you feel something. I think that's why people love films so much.

~John Legend

I'm honestly not a great gift giver. I could give better - my girlfriends have always complained about that.

~John Legend

Marvin Gaye was one of the coolest. I look to him as a style icon and as an artist.

~John Legend

I think people relate to the music because I have a sense of empathy, and I think I have a good understanding about relationships, and I talk about them in a real, honest way

~John Legend

I gravitate toward people that are a little more outrageous than I am. And we complement each other well.

~John Legend

I know when things feel a little, like, intrusive and when they don't. I don't have a lot to hide. But I do sometimes think, don't share everything.

~John Legend

I do speak to kids a lot. I am very clear with them that not all of them should aspire to be me and not all of them should be aspire to be LeBron.

~John Legend

Some people, you know, should just go to college and do what they do and have a great job and not worry about trying to be famous as a singer. It's not for everyone.

~John Legend

I'm pretty adventurous with food, so I'm not afraid to try anything.

~John Legend

I thought it would be funny to take a photo in the White House bathroom, I take pictures everywhere I go, but I don't think I can top that one.

~John Legend

I've always followed politics, and I think politics is everybody's business because we're electing someone who's going to be making important decisions that will affect all of our lives.

~John Legend

For me I'm actually doing what I normally do when I do my solo thing and the other thing is actually more new to me.

~John Legend

I have a great band, with very talented players, and we give everything we have every night.

~John Legend

I hear melodies and hooks all day. I've always been that way, since I was a kid.

~John Legend

I was in an a cappella group in school, so it particularly helped me keep my piano chops up.

~John Legend

When I write, I don't really focus on duets or anything like that, or whether I'm going to feature this or that rapper. I just focus on just making a great song and figure out the rest later.

~John Legend

Anybody under the age of forty knows hip-hop, gospel and R&B pretty well, and it's all a part of what we consider to be 'black music.' There is a natural synergy between the three.

~John Legend

My first big break came with Lauryn Hill on a track called Everything is Everything, I played piano on that track way back in 1998.

~John Legend

Now that I'm coming out with my own record people can see I'm a solo artist.

~John Legend

Well, I like songs that have like a little bit of quirkiness to them.

~John Legend

In my neighborhood in Springfield, Ohio, there were a lot of young kids. We all played tackle football after school, but I knew very early on that I was not an athlete.

~John Legend

At the end of the day, there's only a few major stars in the music business, and then there's all these people that are aspiring to be that.

~John Legend

I always saw myself as a singer-songwriter, a solo-artist, that's why working with other artists was never satisfying for me.

~John Legend

I don't feel like that many musicians are competitive with each other.

~John Legend

I don't get to listen to music for fun very often; a lot of what I'm hearing is for work and isn't released yet.

~John Legend

The weirdest thing about Hillary Clinton's email 'scandal' is finding out some of our senators still don't use email.

~John Legend

That's the evergreen nature of a great song. They can be resurrected. They can be covered. They can find new relevance due to changing circumstances in history.

~John Legend

I never went through a period where I didn't want to play music. I've always loved it and it's always been a huge part of my life.

~John Legend

Happy that New York passed marriage equality tonight. A victory for human rights. Progress.

~John Legend

I don't love the idea of three superstars coming together to form a dream team, I'd rather teams are built more organically, just as a fan it's more interesting to see.

~John Legend

My family is very musical, I was surrounded by it. And from four years old I was the one that asked my mother could I take piano lessons.

~John Legend

I've written good love songs when I have been in love and I've written good love songs when I haven't.

~John Legend

Music wasn't forced on me [in my childhood]. It was something I wanted to do. And ever since, I've never stopped, I've never stopped playing music.

~John Legend

Music business is hard. It's very difficult. And it's not for everyone. Even if you can sing or even if you can write a song, it takes a lot of determination, it takes some kind of thick skin.

~John Legend

I guess a lot of times pressure is put on something after it becomes big.

~John Legend

Kind of the critical acclaim of this movie [La La Land] is that it's striking a chord with the public in a way that has been really beautiful and powerful.

~John Legend

Sometimes success is just limited to festival circuit.

~John Legend

I'm not going to run for office. I don't think that's the right move for me.

~John Legend

It's important for us to fight for certain changes that need to happen. And one of those issues that I really care about is education. But also another one is incarceration.

~John Legend

Black people invented jazz. But this story [in La La Land] wasn't ever claiming to be that. It's just a story about two people from one writer's point of view.

~John Legend

My mother, I want her to like my music, but she's not exactly my target audience. So I care more about the fans in general, just making sure they enjoy what I do.

~John Legend

But in my mind I've always been a solo artist- I've just been working with a lot of great people like Kanye and Alicia Keys and Jay-Z.

~John Legend

I feel like spirituality definitely comes through in my music, but I don't make any specific efforts to make it that way.

~John Legend

It's an artist's duty to reflect the times in which we live.

~John Legend

No matter how big or successful and famous you become, if you do that, that's the most fulfilling thing, is making music that you love and that you're proud of.

~John Legend

I think it's not enough for us to extend the hand of love. I think it's important that that goes both ways. It's important also that we look at policies we need to change as well.

~John Legend

I don't think I'm craving any more fame. But success and being recognized for making great work all around the world, I think it's a great thing.

~John Legend

I've felt like my last name put pressure on me as an artist. If you're going to call yourself "Legend," you'd better make some good-ass music.

~John Legend

I just want my music to measure up to. Part of it's just thinking about my place in history and how this music is going to be perceived, if it's listened to 30, 40 years from now.

~John Legend

I'm trying to be me and embrace all the parts of me that have grown up, listened to more music and soaked up more influences.

~John Legend

The main focus for me is not trying to find duet partners. It's about just making great songs. I want most of my album to be in my voice, because it's my point of view.

~John Legend

You can't be a 25-year-old forever.

~John Legend

If I collaborate with people, ideas...they take interesting turns and twists, and I'm excited for that and that process and excited to see what we come up with.

~John Legend

I'm used to getting sexy sometimes in the lyrics.

~John Legend

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