

John Ridley

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As a writer, as a storyteller, you have to have your emotions close, and the older I've gotten, the less I've worried about not displaying emotions.

~John Ridley

I don't know when I made that active decision to be a writer or to try to write, but I know I always liked storytelling.

~John Ridley

When it comes to fighting for freedom, those who are willing to fight should not be limited by our bigotry. Only rewarded with our gratitude.

~John Ridley

For every horrific event, something beautiful happens.

~John Ridley

Facts tend to take the punch out of a good hate rant and are therefore left best unsaid.

~John Ridley

My kids will find me walking around the house talking to myself and think I'm going crazy. I like to read the scripts out loud and really get the rhythm for the dialogue.

~John Ridley

There's something very special about knowing what you want to do and knowing the story you want to tell, but finding it together.

~John Ridley

With fear of stating the obvious: Freedom belongs to 'We the People,' not 'They the Politicians.'

~John Ridley

Whatever you do, whether you're doing a television drama or a

romantic comedy, you want to be relevant, to some degree.

~John Ridley

I think I'm an overly emotional person. I feel a lot, but I don't believe that's unique to me or that's how I am able to do the things I do.

~John Ridley

I've written films that are violent. I'm not big on sitting and watching violence.

~John Ridley

I understand politicians gotta make bank. But cloistering with the Hollywood elite is not how you prove you're a man of the people.

~John Ridley

I've no desire to start a movement, to be the first name on an open petition, or to be the poster child for disgruntled writers.

~John Ridley

When I was young and I look at the things that I wrote - I don't think that was the word they used back then, but they had a hipster sensibility. They were a little irreverent.

~John Ridley

Bigots are actually funny to me in the way that people who still wear parachute pants give me a chuckle.

~John Ridley

Even I haven't downed enough L.A. Kool-Aid to believe that somehow Hollywood movies are an overt instrument of morality.

~John Ridley

I can tell you from personal experience it gets a little tiring having to make the rounds on cable shows to explain 'what's up with black folks.'

~John Ridley

Much as banks don't care where your money's coming from, the Electoral College is all 'don't ask, don't care' when it comes to votes.

~John Ridley

Quite simply, quite plainly, just by virtue of his being, Barack Obama is America. The first true American to lead our nation.

~John Ridley

I'm sorry, but chick fights are sexy. If you don't think so, you're either an uptight woman or a lying man.

~John Ridley

Barack Obama is the New Generation and the hot light of a dawn that goes way beyond clever talk of morning in America.

~John Ridley

There is not a country on earth whose people don't deserve to be free and safe.

~John Ridley

I want to explore different topics and present them in slightly different ways.

~John Ridley

I never wanted to show up and just say, "Okay, what are we doing today? Let's wing it!"

~John Ridley

When people come in the door and they have something, discovering and exploring the character is a real joy.

~John Ridley

You can treat faith as part of people's it's lives.

~John Ridley

Depending on which side you're on, maybe the police are too objective and need to be a bit more subjective.

~John Ridley

When entertainment works the best, you're creating an apparatus to convey emotions.

~John Ridley

We all hope that the police and prosecutors are objective. That's their job, but sometimes it's not true.

~John Ridley

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