

Keegan-Michael Key Quotes

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If you look at any successful skit comedy show, ever, there is that format of introducing you to the player in the beginning, and then going on to see those sketches.

~Keegan-Michael Key

You hold precious what you create for yourself in your life that makes you comfortable.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I have always, or for the most part, identified myself as a biracial person.

~Keegan-Michael Key

There's a sketch where we're playing two terrorists in a cave, and my terrorist is very frustrated as to why we haven't flown a plane into a building in 13 years.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I'm racist against non-black people.

~Keegan-Michael Key

Being a melting pot is what I think is great about being American, and also that we get to do something that other people don't get to do, we get to be a hyphenate. That's a good thing.

~Keegan-Michael Key

You can not have comedy unless people are behaving badly. You can't have it.

~Keegan-Michael Key

The audience loves to figure things out. They love it when a performer leaves a trail of bread crumbs for them, and they get to participate in the comedy.

~Keegan-Michael Key

If I could just get over my issues of wanting people to like me.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I have this little thing that people call Keegan-ese, where I don't speak English words at all. I just say stuff like, "You gotta toish the doish and you gotta maloish the hoish."

~Keegan-Michael Key

I'm tall and thin but not strong, so you're either an athlete or you're funny.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I'm adopted, so I didn't know my father, but apparently he was pretty tall.

~Keegan-Michael Key

Surprise is not humor. I think that there can be a fine line there.

~Keegan-Michael Key

There's a thing called the 'One Drop' theory in African-American culture, which is if you have one drop of black blood in you, you're black.

~Keegan-Michael Key

For me, as a child, I certainly thought that there were more black people in the world than white people.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I grew up watching British television because I lived so close to Canada.

~Keegan-Michael Key

There is no top. You are never going to reach the top if you go for success. That way lies madness.

~Keegan-Michael Key

Do what you love in your community.

~Keegan-Michael Key

When you say to somebody, "I'd like to recommend a book to you," you're typically talking to a person who is willing to learn, grow, or change.

~Keegan-Michael Key

The fact of the matter is, you can't do comedy unless someone is behaving badly. Otherwise, it's not a comedy.

~Keegan-Michael Key

Everybody puts on airs, regardless of race.

~Keegan-Michael Key

There is nothing more dangerous on planet Earth than a black wife.

~Keegan-Michael Key

You could figure out at least 80 percent of the context and meaning of a text if people used punctuation, and we wouldn't have had to write our sketch.

~Keegan-Michael Key

We've caught people watching us, and I'll look at them and I'll go, "It's just us. It's just our thing. It's just what we do."

~Keegan-Michael Key

[Adoption] could turn you into an exquisite comedian. Ask Richard Pryor's ghost.

~Keegan-Michael Key

[The rumor that Leonardo DiCaprio on set was raped by a bear] was as

silly as Lady Gaga bumping him or moving his arm out of the way [at the Golden Globes]. People straight be bored.

~Keegan-Michael Key

I want people to say, "Oh my God, I'm laughing out loud at television."

~Keegan-Michael Key

We share plates [with Jordan Peele], and we also very often will sit in the corner and kind of speak in our own language.

~Keegan-Michael Key

My father has passed away. He was African-American. My mother is white. So I was adopted by a couple that was of a similar dynamic as my biological parents.

~Keegan-Michael Key

If you take something like the slave-auction sketch, the warmth of the light gives it a crisp 12 Years a Slave look. And your eye tells your brain, "I should be taking this seriously."

~Keegan-Michael Key

I get overwhelmed when I approach things intellectually.

~Keegan-Michael Key

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