

Keith Richards

Quotes

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I've never had a problem with drugs. I've had problems with the police.

~Keith Richards

When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you.

~Keith Richards

Music is a language that doesn't speak in particular words. It speaks in emotions, and if it's in the bones, it's in the bones.

~Keith Richards

I look for ambiguity when I'm writing because life is ambiguous.

~Keith Richards

If you don't know the blues... there's no point in picking up the guitar and playing rock and roll or any other form of popular music.

~Keith Richards

You've got the sun, you've got the moon, and you've got the Rolling Stones.

~Keith Richards

If you've gotta think about being cool, you ain't cool.

~Keith Richards

True friends. Hardest thing to find, but you never look for them - they found you ; you just grow into each other

~Keith Richards

Everyone talks about rock these days; the problem is they forget about the roll.

~Keith Richards

You don't find a style. A style finds you

~Keith Richards

Music is a necessity. After food, air, water and warmth, music is the next necessity of life.

~Keith Richards

I'm not getting old I'm evolving.

~Keith Richards

The rock's easy, but the roll is another thing.

~Keith Richards

A painter's got a canvas. The writer's got reams of empty paper. A musician has silence.

~Keith Richards

The public library is the great equaliser.

~Keith Richards

Nobody wants to get old, but nobody wants to die young either.

~Keith Richards

I like it here in Austin. Anybody got a room?

~Keith Richards

Guitar is easy, all it takes is 5 fingers, 6 strings and 1 a**hole

~Keith Richards

Some things get better with age. Like me.

~Keith Richards

If you are going to get wasted, then get wasted elegantly.

~Keith Richards

We age not by holding on to youth, but by letting ourselves grow and embracing whatever youthful parts remain.

~Keith Richards

I only get ill when I give up drugs... I don't have a drug problem, I have a police problem.

~Keith Richards

To a musician or songwriter, your canvas is silence.

~Keith Richards

[joking about the length of the Rolling Stones' career] You have the sun, you have the moon, you have the air that you breathe - and you have the Rolling Stones!

~Keith Richards

Let me be clear about this. I don't have a drug problem. I have a police problem.

~Keith Richards

I'm an unpure purist, something like that.

~Keith Richards

When you're 20, you can't imagine being 30. When you're 30, you can't imagine being 40. When you're 40, you can't imagine being 100.

~Keith Richards

To me, the main thing about living on this planet is to know who the hell you are and be real about it. That's the reason I'm still alive.

~Keith Richards

And then I think we realized, like any young guys, that blues are not learned in a monastery. You've got to go out there and get your heart broke and then come back and then you can sing the blues.

~Keith Richards

I mean some doctor told me I had six months to live and I went to their funeral.

~Keith Richards

I was in awe sometimes listening to Mick Taylor . Everything was there in his playing - the melodic touch, a beautiful sustain and a way of reading a song.

~Keith Richards

I don't wave a flag for anything. I'm a musician.

~Keith Richards

We all have our own personal laboratories. Life is an experiment, and it's just a matter of getting the alchemical or chemical combination right.

~Keith Richards

My life is full of broken halos.

~Keith Richards

If you're cool, you don't know nothing about it. It just is, or you ain't.

~Keith Richards

I'm all for a quiet life. I just didn't get one.

~Keith Richards

I've always been suspicious of TV, I've always found music and video to be an unhappy marriage.

~Keith Richards

It might appear that nothing is happening, but that's actually when it really happens.

~Keith Richards

The idea of retiring is like killing yourself. It's almost like Hari Kari. I intend to live to a 100 and go down in history.

~Keith Richards

It's one thing to play a Muddy Waters song. It's another thing to play with him.

~Keith Richards

I am not doing it just for the money or for you. I am doing it for me.

~Keith Richards

To me, my biggest fear is getting a big head, and that is when I get the hammer. Because it's very easy in this game to believe you're something special.

~Keith Richards

If you're going to kick authority in the teeth, you might as well use both feet.

~Keith Richards

I never thought I was wasted, but I probably was.

~Keith Richards

Rock and Roll: Music for the neck downwards.

~Keith Richards

You can't accuse me of anything I haven't already confessed to.

~Keith Richards

One of the great things about songwriting; it's not an intellectual experience

~Keith Richards

I mean, give me a guitar, give me a piano, give me a broom and string, I wouldn't get bored anywhere.

~Keith Richards

I looked upon myself, in a sort of romantic and silly way, as like a laboratory.

~Keith Richards

You see, to me, the art of music is listening to it, not playing it. The real art of it is hearing it.

~Keith Richards

Its called a playground, but its nearer to a battlefield. It can be brutal

~Keith Richards

It's a privilege just to wake up to a new day.

~Keith Richards

I was number 1 on the who's likely to die list for 10 years...I was really disappointed when I fell off that list.

~Keith Richards

I've got nothing against daylight. I don't live totally nocturnally. Only when I feel like it. Which is most of the time.

~Keith Richards

Retire? I can't spell the word. I'd play in a wheelchair.

~Keith Richards

The only things Mick and I disagree about is the band, the music and what we do.

~Keith Richards

What is life but playing with time?

~Keith Richards

Yes, I've been trepanned. That's quite an interesting experience, especially for my brain surgeon, who saw my thoughts flying around in my brain.

~Keith Richards

It's great to be here. It's great to be anywhere.

~Keith Richards

Some people think I'm a mythical genius, others think I'm a junkie madman.

~Keith Richards

Fame has killed more very talented guys than drugs. Jimi Hendrix didn't die of an overdose, he died of fame.

~Keith Richards

If you say I'm great, thank you very much. But I know what I am. I could be better, man, you know?

~Keith Richards

But I'm not here just to make records and money. I'm here to say something and to touch other people, sometimes in a cry of desperation: "Do you know this feeling?"

~Keith Richards

Art is the last thing I'm worried about when I'm writing a song. As far as I'm concerned, art is just short for 'Arthur.'

~Keith Richards

When I started, all I wanted to do was play like Chuck (Berry)

~Keith Richards

I read the Bible sometimes, but it bores me to death. I just want to know what other people find so bloody fascinating.

~Keith Richards

I achieved everything I wanted to achieve by being in the Rolling Stones and making records.

~Keith Richards

To make a rock'n'roll record, technology is the least important thing.

~Keith Richards

I've never had inner turmoil about all this. You find a lot of people these days who cannot stand to be alone. You could lock me up in solitary for weeks on end, and I'd keep myself amused.

~Keith Richards

Everybody starts by imitating their heroes. For me it was Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters.

~Keith Richards

Women are a beautiful complication, and I look forward to far more beauties and far more complications.

~Keith Richards

Everybody thinks you reach a certain age and you're a grownup, but it's not true. Nobody grows up until the day they croak.

~Keith Richards

The electric guitar was vital in helping what I've achieved where would I be without it? Playing awfully quietly, for a start.

~Keith Richards

Before Elvis, everything was in black and white. Then came Elvis. Zoom, glorious Technicolor.

~Keith Richards

From the 12th Congressional District Hopeful William Jefferson Clinton during the Nixon investigations. I wanted to share some information I've turned up regarding two of your Clinton quotes.

~Keith Richards

You're always learning about this thing everytime you pick it up

~Keith Richards

I'm free of hypochondria-- although I've got everything else.

~Keith Richards

I have no idea what the audience makes of me.

~Keith Richards

Why would you want to be anything else if you're Mick Jagger?

~Keith Richards

Whatever side I take, I know well that I will be blamed.

~Keith Richards

You get onstage and make other people feel happy. Make them feel good.

~Keith Richards

It's an addiction... and addiction is something I should know something about.

~Keith Richards

What Muddy Waters did for us is what we should do for others. It's the old thing, what you want written on your tombstone as a musician: 'He passed it on.'

~Keith Richards

Poison's not bad. It's a matter of how much.

~Keith Richards

I don't encourage anybody to do what I do, you know? Why should you? More for me!

~Keith Richards

To me, life is a wild animal. You hope to deal with it when it leaps at you.

~Keith Richards

Music works in mysterious ways. Once it goes in you have no idea what it can do to you.

~Keith Richards

Anything you throw yourself into, you better get yourself out of.

~Keith Richards

To me, as long as we've known each other, I've always thought Mick's most brilliant thing was that he could work in an area two foot square and give a very exciting performance.

~Keith Richards

You didn't know whether Chuck Berry was black or white - it was not a concern.

~Keith Richards

Another thing to do with the blues is how they were recorded. They were done on the quick, and some of that stuff was made on wire, not even tape, let alone digital.

~Keith Richards

Hey, we just enjoy it. I think we think we're getting the hang of this thing, you know?

~Keith Richards

There's no substitute for live work to keep a band together.

~Keith Richards

To me, it's important to prove that this isn't just teenage kids' s**t and you should feel embarrassed when you're over forty and still doing it.

~Keith Richards

And it was a very, very fruitful and great relationship between the Stones and The Beatles. It was very, very friendly.

~Keith Richards

The only new technology that interests me is when it sort of throws me back soundwise. And I can think, "Wow, that means I can go onstage and sound like Scotty Moore now and again!"

~Keith Richards

Songwriting's a weird game.

~Keith Richards

George Jones is a national treasure and should be treated accordingly. A unique style so often emulated even inadvertently.

~Keith Richards

Everybody's got a different way of telling a story - and has different stories to tell.

~Keith Richards

One minute I'm standing at Ronnie Scott's getting a standing ovation and the next minute, I'm on a marble slab

~Keith Richards

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