

Larry Holmes Quotes

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I never tried to be a mercenary or a killer but a hard working fighter.

~Larry Holmes

I came from a dirt farm, now I'm filthy rich.

~Larry Holmes

All fighters are prostitutes and all promoters are pimps

~Larry Holmes

Mike Tyson would have been a good sparring partner for me and Muhammad Ali because Tyson was a fast fighter and he could punch and throw good combinations.

~Larry Holmes

This is the lying thieving mother who cut me \$500,000.

~Larry Holmes

There is no quit in me.

~Larry Holmes

Mike Tyson always had a big heart, but one of his problems is that he's short. And he's got kind of a personal attitude. But that don't make him a great fighter.

~Larry Holmes

Now I'm free of him and I'm light as a feather. There's no weight holding me down; I'm ready to spread my wings and fly.

~Larry Holmes

[My] worst habit: Drinking too much Budweiser when I get angry.

~Larry Holmes

If you don't follow Don King, you get stepped on.

~Larry Holmes

It's hard being black. You ever been black? I was black once - when I was poor.

~Larry Holmes

It wasn't about Larry Holmes, if I would have fought a brother I wouldn't have gotten the money I got. Give me 10 black guys and I make eight dollars. Give me Gerry Cooney and I make \$10 million.

~Larry Holmes

I won't say I won't fight again but I don't think anyone wants to fight me so I am finished and I will just continue with boxing exhibitions.

~Larry Holmes

I have a lot of friends and fans in Canada and as a matter of fact I met a fan from there that came down to my office. It was nice and we took pictures and had a nice talk.

~Larry Holmes

Kenny Norton hit me so hard that it still hurts. Now there was a case of two fighters who did not like each other.

~Larry Holmes

Everyone still wants to see [Floyd] Mayweather and [Manny] Pacquaio fight. When the talks start though, it always seem like it is all about Mayweather, and I think the people hate that.

~Larry Holmes

I don't owe Don King anything. I got things with my own sweat and blood. I don't know if I'll be associated with Don but I won't be a slave or puppet for him.

~Larry Holmes

Muhammad Ali could take a very good punch. He was slick, he could move, he could hit, make you miss, good hand speed and combinations

and one of the greatest fighters of all time in my opinion.

~Larry Holmes

My fans know the name Larry Holmes and that he always gave it his all.

~Larry Holmes

Fighters today are much bigger, stronger and quicker and not only that but referees, judges and doctors back then were very strict and if your head got busted up the fight would be stopped.

~Larry Holmes

Everybody knows that I am one of the greatest fighters of all time and I would beat all those guys.

~Larry Holmes

Tyson is a lot better than I thought, a lot better. People can talk about Spinks all they want... Tyson is the true champion.

~Larry Holmes

Ali was a guy that had a lot of discipline. If you hung around him, you'd be able to get some of that discipline that he had. And I learned from that. He was a sweet man.

~Larry Holmes

With a record of 75 fights and 6 losses, some of the losses were very questionable including Brian Nielsen when we fought in Denmark. I knew I won but they didn't give me that fight.

~Larry Holmes

Don King doesn't care about black or white. He just cares about green.

~Larry Holmes

My actions speak louder than my words.

~Larry Holmes

I'm happy with my career but I could have been happier if I could have been treated like a champion should have been treated because management and fighters take advantage of fighters.

~Larry Holmes

You can't put those guys like Marciano or anyone else in with today's class of fighters.

~Larry Holmes

When you constantly hear people talking about going the distance, going the distance, you can't help but wonder about it. I learned a lesson: next time I will fight my fight without that doubt.

~Larry Holmes

I don't see anything happening [in heavyweight division] when I watch these fights, they are very boring. Not only that, but you never heard of any of the fighters.

~Larry Holmes

Tex Cobb would call me every day after we fought, I got sick of talking to him. I liked him a lot as a fighter, and as a person, and feel that sometimes he was misunderstood.

~Larry Holmes

Oliver McCall was someone who I never really got to know too well, and he had some well-publicized problems.

~Larry Holmes

I'm tired. I am old and I have never quit pursuing my goals. I am heavily involved in real estate right now, but I am trying to get out of it altogether, I am just tired.

~Larry Holmes

Don King ain't a bad guy. He cut my earnings, but I don't hold any hard feelings toward him.

~Larry Holmes

Mike Tyson does a lot of things that shows he wants to win. He might hit you after the bell, he might hit you a little low, but he wants to win the fight. I think if he controls himself, he's okay.

~Larry Holmes

I cursed [Larry Merchant] out once, and I told him that he was a phony.

~Larry Holmes

I don't like Larry Merchant. He thinks he knows everything about a sport that he was never in. He walks around with papers and studies what he writes, he just pisses you off.

~Larry Holmes

I think gambling can be a good thing if you don't take it too seriously. Take it and have fun with it, and don't lose what you can't afford to lose.

~Larry Holmes

That guy [Floyd Mayweather] is throwing his money around like there is no tomorrow.

~Larry Holmes

Don King is a hip exploiter, an intelligent flesh peddler

~Larry Holmes

Earnie hit me harder than any other fighter, including Mike Tyson. He hit me and I was face down on the canvas hearing saxophonist Jimmy Tillis.

~Larry Holmes

We put our life on the line to fight for them, put on a show and these guys take our money so whatever happens to Bob Arum, Don King or anyone else is fine with me.

~Larry Holmes

Joe Louis was a good Heavyweight, good boxer but he was kind of in the same boat as Marciano, weighing about 190 to 200 lbs.

~Larry Holmes

I don't know if I have any regrets, I have had a pretty successful life. I have learned good, bad, and ugly.

~Larry Holmes

The media loves to take things like that [Rocky Marciano couldn't hold my jockstrap] out of context. There was no harm meant when I said that, but plenty of harm came from it.

~Larry Holmes

I don't think Mike Tyson's a bad guy. I think the people, the media, makes him out to be a bad guy.

~Larry Holmes

I always enjoy myself fighting in Mississippi. I enjoy myself fighting anywhere.

~Larry Holmes

When the bell rings, your trainer can't help you.

~Larry Holmes

Mike Tyson is a sharp puncher. Earnie Shavers was a PUNISHING puncher. There was a difference between the two. Because when Shavers hit you, you feel it all the way through your body.

~Larry Holmes

I make appearances, but I really want to spend more time fishing. That is what I really enjoy doing with my spare time.

~Larry Holmes

I have learned that promoters can love you, hate you, then love you again.

~Larry Holmes

I think the world is changing. And it's changing so fast that people have to change with it.

~Larry Holmes

Let people live their lives, as long as they don't hurt anybody. As long as they don't destroy their own lives.

~Larry Holmes

Bob Arum and Don King can do their thing but if I fought for those guys and they put the money up like they are supposed to then I don't have a problem.

~Larry Holmes

I still feel that I am in my prime right now but I think my best fights were in my thirties.

~Larry Holmes

The guys today are just too strong and back then they would take many hard punches to land one.

~Larry Holmes

Don King was good to me through my years as champion, but I wouldn't trust him as far as I could throw him. He's a wheeler dealer and you've got to be careful. He's a great con artist.

~Larry Holmes

Whether I make two dollars or no dollars, it's better than losing. I've got enough people playing the games at the casino that I don't lose any money. So it's good for me, and it's fun.

~Larry Holmes

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