

Larry Kramer Quotes

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You'd think one day we'd learn. You don't get anything unless you fight for it, united and with visible numbers. If ACT UP taught us anything, it taught us that.

~Larry Kramer

Too many people hate the people that AIDS most affects: gay people and people of color. I do not mean dislike, or feel uncomfortable with. I mean hate. Downright hate. Down and dirty hate.

~Larry Kramer

By nature, I'm an optimistic person. No one believes it, but I am.

~Larry Kramer

Writers are given one great story to tell their story. I'm telling my story as a political document.

~Larry Kramer

I don't consider myself an artist. I consider myself a very opinionated man who uses words as fighting tools.

~Larry Kramer

AIDS is a plague - numerically, statistically and by any definition known to modern public health - though no one in authority has the guts to call it one.

~Larry Kramer

I forgot that San Francisco is not an angry city like New York. Gays have gotten what they wanted there over the years, unlike New York, where we had to fight for everything.

~Larry Kramer

Some reporter called me 'the angriest gay man in the world' or some such. Well, it stuck, but I realized it was very useful.

~Larry Kramer

You do not get more with honey than with vinegar!

~Larry Kramer

There's no question that the gay movement would not be as far along as it is without AIDS. But how can there be any other issue in the face of death, possible extinction?

~Larry Kramer

This is always history's greatest failure, its inability to believe what it sees, what, almost always, someone sees.

~Larry Kramer

The most important fact is that gays have been here since day one. To say otherwise is a gross denial and stupidity. We played an enormous part in the history of America.

~Larry Kramer

Most of the Michelle Bachmanns and Mitt Romneys who say such terrible things about us actually is a positive force, because it allows sensible people to realize how stupid and vile their beliefs are.

~Larry Kramer

The point about L-O-V-E is that we hate the word. Because we vulgarize it. It should be taboo, forbidden from utterance for many years, till we've found a new and a better idea.

~Larry Kramer

I don't mind about the dead ones. They're dead. The worst of it is, they cling to the living and won't let go.

~Larry Kramer

I do not think the gay population has been all that rabid for gay marriage. Note that I do not use the words 'gay community.' Expunge that expression from your vocabulary. We are not a community.

~Larry Kramer

Writers who are activists are very rarely taken seriously as artists.

~Larry Kramer

I now realize that I am a gay man before anything else. Other gays may think they're a Jew first, or black, or a banker, but I'm gay.

~Larry Kramer

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were gay, just for starters. They didn't have a name for it, but their primary affections and intellectual attractions were all for other men.

~Larry Kramer

Saying someone is gay who is gay no longer constitutes defamation or slander or libel. You cannot defame someone by telling the truth.

~Larry Kramer

I came from Yale, where you get an extracurricular degree in self-importance because you went there. When AIDS happened, I was treated like an outcast. And I don't like that feeling.

~Larry Kramer

The guys in New York don't know the new media. San Francisco takes more risks as a culture.

~Larry Kramer

AIDS was allowed to happen. It is a plague that need not have happened. It is a plague that could have been contained from the very beginning.

~Larry Kramer

We have to think bigger as writers. We have to try and change the world.

~Larry Kramer

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