

# Willie Mays

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They throw the ball, I hit it. They hit the ball, I catch it.

~Willie Mays

It isn't hard to be good from time to time in sports. What is tough, is being good every day.

~Willie Mays

I think I was the best baseball player I ever saw.

~Willie Mays

What you are thinking, what shape your mind is in, is what makes the biggest difference of all.

~Willie Mays

In order to excel, you must be completely dedicated.

~Willie Mays

Baseball is a game, yes. It is also a business. But what is most truly is disguised combat. For all its gentility, its almost leisurely pace, baseball is violence under wraps.

~Willie Mays

Never assume the other guy will never do something you would never do.

~Willie Mays

Every time I look at my pocketbook, I see Jackie Robinson.

~Willie Mays

Youngsters of Little League can survive undercoaching a lot better than overcoaching.

~Willie Mays

When I'm not hitting, I don't hit nobody. But, when I'm hitting, I hit

anybody.

~Willie Mays

I was very fortunate to play sports. All the anger in me went out. I had to do what I had to do. If you stay angry all the time, then you really don't have a good life.

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I'm not the type of guy to go out and just say, 'Hey, I'm raising my fist to do this and do that.' I don't think I'm that type of guy. I wasn't a leader the way other people may have wanted me to be.

~Willie Mays

That's how easy baseball was for me. I'm not trying to brag or anything, but I had the knowledge before I became a professional baseball player to do all these things and know what each guy would hit.

~Willie Mays

When I got to professional ball I used to play 150 games every year. It depends on how many games there was.

~Willie Mays

If you can do that - if you run, hit, run the bases, hit with power, field, throw and do all other things that are part of the game - then you're a good ballplayer.

~Willie Mays

Maybe I was born to play ball. Maybe I truly was.

~Willie Mays

I don't rate them, I just hit them.

~Willie Mays

Congratulations to Alex Rodriguez on his 660th home run, milestones in baseball are meant to be broken and I wish him continued success throughout his career.

~Willie Mays

Defense to me is the key to playing baseball.

~Willie Mays

I played with the Birmingham Black Barons. I was making 500 at 14. That was a lot of money in those days.

~Willie Mays

At ten I was playing against 18-year-old guys. At 15 I was playing professional ball with the Birmingham Black Barons, so I really came very quickly in all sports.

~Willie Mays

I don't mean to be bashful, but I was

~Willie Mays

I think I was programmed to do good things when I came into the majors. I knew how to play.

~Willie Mays

I was very blessed with a good body. Never got hurt. Never was in the hospital. The only time I was in the hospital was when I would get exhausted a little bit, and go in for a check-up or something.

~Willie Mays

I would try and help everybody, because the game was so easy for me. It was just like walking in the park.

~Willie Mays

I don't compare 'em, I just catch 'em.

~Willie Mays

I didn't teach you that. Catch the ball with your glove.

~Willie Mays

Yes, I had to learn how to live life outside, but I had so many people help me.

~Willie Mays

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