

# Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

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I was always led to believe you should take care of yourself, trust in your abilities and you're the author of your own destiny.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

I'm of Nigerian descent, from the Yoruba tribe. Names are very significant in that culture. It basically states your purpose in life.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

You don't want it to be a replica or an imitation. You want to create something fresh, original, very unique.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

I just want to keep the diversity and the options open. In terms of what I'm looking for, I'd like to do a lead action role.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

Wale means to arrive home. So the crown has arrived home. Akin is warrior or brave man. Nuoye is a brave man of chieftaincy and Agbaje means wealth and prosperity.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

Personally, I love Toronto.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

You really have to act your pants off to stay alive. I thrive on that; I rise to the occasion of the circumstances.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

When a child wants to be accepted, he'll do anything. And if it means you're getting a certain amount of notoriety from a fight, that's what you'll do.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

The only way you can influence your fate is to put your soul into your

performance and hope it registers with the audience.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

As an actor, you really want to resonate with your audience. I played a character on Oz and people still approach me in the streets today.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

Also, I'd like to play an athlete again, while I'm still physically fit, or a musician, like Nat King Cole, because I play the trumpet and sing. I'd like to incorporate that into a character.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

It's very important to stretch, because while it's good to look pumped, a lot of the moves are split legs, and twisting fast. So you really, really have to stay supple.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

The actual fights themselves are very demanding. You don't want to drain yourself. But it pumps you up, gets you in the zone. It's a good way of getting you into the zone for the scene.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

Certainly, I look for different characters 'cause I always like to keep people guessing, and I also don't like to get typecast.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

I've never been really great at trusting anybody, just because of the way I grew up.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

Well, filming in Hawaii, you know, is a blessing. It's one of the most beautiful places on this planet. It has a very mystic energy which informs you as an actor.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

It's a significant question: should black people only adopt black children, and white people white children?

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

I'm known for playing bad guys, so this was an interesting departure from what I'm known to play, which is a softer, more likable, affable character.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

The only way I know how to deliver is to focus; some people can turn it on or off - I'd rather stay in character.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

What is a shame is that there isn't stuff that is as great as 'Oz' on a consistent level around today.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

I think always as an actor. I go in knowing how I'm going to play it. That's about it.

~Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje

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