

Alfred Hitchcock

Quotes

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There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I have a feeling that inside you somewhere, there's somebody nobody knows about

~Alfred Hitchcock

The ideal husband understands every word his wife doesn't say.

~Alfred Hitchcock

There is something more important than logic: imagination

~Alfred Hitchcock

In feature films the director is God; in documentary films God is the director.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A good film is when the price of the dinner, the theatre admission and the babysitter were worth it.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The more successful the villain, the more successful the picture.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Film your murders like love scenes, and film your love scenes like murders.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Mystery is an intellectual process... But suspense is essentially an emotional process.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I have a perfect cure for a sore throat: cut it.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Revenge is sweet and not fattening.

~Alfred Hitchcock

To make a great film you need three things - the script, the script and the script.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Always make the audience suffer as much as possible.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A lot of movies are about life, mine are like a slice of cake.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A glimpse into the world proves that horror is nothing other than reality.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Disney has the best casting. If he doesn't like an actor he just tears him up.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Suspense is like a woman. The more left to the imagination, the more the excitement.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Television is like the invention of indoor plumbing. It didn't change people's habits. It just kept them inside the house.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm full of fears and I do my best to avoid difficulties and any kind of complications. I like everything around me to be clear as crystal and completely calm.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Reality is something that none of us can stand, at any time.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Our primary function is to create an emotion and our secondary function is to sustain that emotions.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Puns are the highest form of literature.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Drama is real life with all the boring parts cut out.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Give them pleasure - the same pleasure they have when they wake up from a nightmare.

~Alfred Hitchcock

If I won't be myself, who will?

~Alfred Hitchcock

Man does not live by murder alone. He needs affection, approval, encouragement and, occasionally, a hearty meal.

~Alfred Hitchcock

People don't always express their inner thoughts to one another; a conversation may be quite trivial, but often the eyes will reveal what a person really thinks or feels.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Conversation is the enemy of good wine and food.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.

~Alfred Hitchcock

When an actor comes to me and wants to discuss his character, I say, 'It's in the script.' If he says, 'But what's my motivation?', ' I say, 'Your salary.'

~Alfred Hitchcock

If it's a good movie, the sound could go off and the audience would still have a perfectly clear idea of what was going on.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Even my failures make money and become classics a year after I make them.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I am a typed director. If I made Cinderella, the audience would immediately be looking for a body in the coach.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Drama is life with the dull bits cut out.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Blondes make the best victims. They're like virgin snow that shows up the bloody footprints.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Ideas come from everything

~Alfred Hitchcock

There is nothing to winning, really. That is, if you happen to be blessed with a keen eye, an agile mind, and no scruples whatsoever.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Television has done much for psychiatry by spreading information about it, as well as contributing to the need for it.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I enjoy playing the audience like a piano.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Never judge a country by its politicians.

~Alfred Hitchcock

One must never set up a murder. They must happen unexpectedly, as in life.

~Alfred Hitchcock

When you can look forward, and the road is clear ahead, and now you are going to create something - that's as happy as I'd want to be.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Dialogue should simply be a sound among other sounds, just something that comes out of the mouths of people whose eyes tell the story in visual terms.

~Alfred Hitchcock

For me, the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Never turn your back on a friend.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I never said all actors are cattle; what I said was all actors should be treated like cattle.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Happiness is a small house, with a big kitchen.

~Alfred Hitchcock

In a good marriage each is the others better half.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Actually, I have no regard for money. Aside from its purchasing power, it's completely useless as far as I'm concerned.

~Alfred Hitchcock

It's only a movie, and, after all, we're all grossly overpaid.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Someone once told me that every minute a murder occurs, so I don't want to waste your time, I know you want to go back to work.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Some of our most exquisite murders have been domestic, performed with tenderness in simple, homey places like the kitchen table.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The only way to get rid of my fears is to make films about them.

~Alfred Hitchcock

We seem to have a compulsion these days to bury time capsules in order to give those people living in the next century or so some idea of what we are like.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The silent pictures were the purest form of cinema

~Alfred Hitchcock

Television is like the American toaster, you push the button and the same thing pops up everytime.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A woman who spends all day washing and cooking and ironing doesn't want to go to the movies to watch a film about a woman who spends all day washing and cooking and ironing.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I am to provide the public with beneficial shocks.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I am scared easily, here is a list of my adrenaline - production: 1: small children, 2: policemen, 3: high places, 4: that my next movie will not be as good as the last one.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I would almost say that the best screen actor is the man who can do nothing extremely well.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I like stories with lots of psychology.

~Alfred Hitchcock

There is nothing so good as a burial at sea. It is simple, tidy, and not very incriminating.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Luck is everything... My good luck in life was to be a really frightened person. I'm fortunate to be a coward, to have a low threshold of fear, because a hero couldn't make a good suspense film.

~Alfred Hitchcock

In films murders are always very clean. I show how difficult it is and what a messy thing it is to kill a man.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Kicking is very important in football. In fact, some of the more enthusiastic players even kick the ball, occasionally.

~Alfred Hitchcock

All love scenes started on the set are continued in the dressing room.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Television has brought back murder into the home - where it belongs.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Everything's perverted in a different way.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A woman of mystery is one who also has a certain maturity and whose actions speak louder than words. Any woman can be one, if she keeps those two points in mind. She should grow up-and shut up.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Self-plagiarism is style.

~Alfred Hitchcock

One never knows the ending. One has to die to know exactly what happens after death, although Catholics have their hopes.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Seeing a murder on television can help work off one's antagonisms. And if you haven't any antagonisms, the commercials will give you some.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Really, the novelist has the best casting since he doesn't have to cope with the actors and all the rest. -Alfred Hitchcock

~Alfred Hitchcock

San Francisco would be a good location for a murder mystery.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Cary Grant is the only actor I ever loved in my whole life.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Seeing a murder on television can help us unload the feelings of hate

themselves. If you do not have feelings of hatred, may be obtained in the advertising interval.

~Alfred Hitchcock

For me, suspense doesn't have any value if it's not balanced by humor.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I was an uncommonly unattractive young man.

~Alfred Hitchcock

In the documentary the basic material has been created by God, whereas in the fiction film the director is a God; he must create life.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm a writer and, therefore, automatically a suspicious character.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I always try to look at things as though I were remembering them three years later.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm frightened of eggs, worse than frightened, they revolt me.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm not against the police; I'm just afraid of them.

~Alfred Hitchcock

You think she's pretty, you ought to see my slingshot!

~Alfred Hitchcock

This award is meaningful because it comes from my fellow dealers in celluloid.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I can't read fiction without visualizing every scene. The result is it becomes a series of pictures rather than a book.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm sure anyone who likes a good crime, provided it is not the victim.

~Alfred Hitchcock

It seems to me that television is exactly like a gun. Your enjoyment of it is determined by which end of it you're on.

~Alfred Hitchcock

To me Psycho was a big comedy. Had to be.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I always take the audience into account.

~Alfred Hitchcock

Claude Jade is a brave nice young lady. But I don't give any guarantee what she will do on a taxi's back seat.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The Birds could be the most terrifying motion picture I have ever made.

~Alfred Hitchcock

The picture's over. Now I have to go and put it on film.

~Alfred Hitchcock

A movie should be as long as one can hold their bladder

~Alfred Hitchcock

The paperback is very interesting but I find it will never replace the hardcover book - it makes a very poor doorstep.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I've become a body of films, not a man, I am all those films.

~Alfred Hitchcock

In reference to the murder scene in 'Dial M for murder' As you have seen on the screen the best way to do it is with a scissor.

~Alfred Hitchcock

That is the most frightening sight I have ever seen.

~Alfred Hitchcock

I'm not much into rear window ethics.

~Alfred Hitchcock

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