# Angela Lansbury Quotes

Years, Thinking, Roles, Play, Mother, Actors, Theater, Lines, Careers, Actresses, Care, London, Son, People, Made, Memories, Giving, Names, Long, Kids Better to be busy than to be busy worrying.

~Angela Lansbury

You just have to be open and ready, and let it all happen.

~Angela Lansbury

The purpose of etiquette is to provide an easy set of rules which we can follow when we are in a hurry and want to make sure that we do not give offense to anybody.

~Angela Lansbury

I was put under contract. A major studio. I got nominated for an Academy Award. Isn't that ridiculous? I mean, at the age of 18! ~Angela Lansbury

Here I am, I still go on, you know, like the tides. ~Angela Lansbury

We all have levels of performance.

~Angela Lansbury

I'm the bionic woman. I have a very strong constitution, and I take excruciatingly good care of myself.

~Angela Lansbury

The older I get, the more I realize how much I have missed because I was so busy entertaining that audience and so busy pursuing a career. ~Angela Lansbury

... because lifestyles are changing constantly the rules of etiquette are changing too -- a little slower than lifestyles perhaps, but still changing. ~Angela Lansbury

I'm not going to be dancing with the stars at this stage in my life. But I

want to dance and bop around, and I did, and I can.

~Angela Lansbury

The theater is magical and addictive.

~Angela Lansbury

I'm Angie to everybody, you've got to learn. ~Angela Lansbury

I don't think about going back to the theater. ~Angela Lansbury

My daughter used to sit and watch Murder, She Wrote. I tried to watch with her, but I fell asleep.

~Angela Lansbury

The collaboration really begins once the rehearsal starts. This is when the actor takes his place, because he becomes the one who is going to bring the words of the author off the page.

~Angela Lansbury

I've worked with the greatest actors, and they're all gone. This is what's so desperate to me.

~Angela Lansbury

Mystery is something that appeals to most everybody.

~Angela Lansbury

Clint Eastwood is an extraordinary director because he knows the value of a buck. He knows where it will show on the screen.

~Angela Lansbury

Actually the years when I was playing totally un - well, they were just roles that just went by the board, you wouldn't want to know. But

anyway, I'm glad I had that chance to build my craft.

~Angela Lansbury

I think of myself as a journeyman actress. I will attempt almost anything that I think that I can bring off. It could be almost anything. ~Angela Lansbury

Believe me, it jabs you. When you're on the side of buses and New York loves you, you love to go out there every night. It's like a race. Curtain opens, out you go, and New York is yours. ~Angela Lansbury

I can't say that I deserve longlife; I don't. I've just been around long enough. They say, "My God, she's still here." ~Angela Lansbury

They're great devotees of Noel Coward in England, of course, he's a favorite son, and so to play Coward in London is such fun, and anyway, the role is such a crazy lady. I just love doing that.

~Angela Lansbury

When I opened up in "Gaslight," for instance, playing that narky maid, that all came about from my experience and my training up to that point, and so nothing was wasted.

~Angela Lansbury

I'd been out of the movies for years, I had had a wonderful stage career, yes, in musicals and so on, but you don't really make any money in the theater.

~Angela Lansbury

Well oddly enough, I liken the years at MGM, and I was there for about eight years, to doing stock, what we used to call repertory or stock, playing a whole bunch of different roles. ~Angela Lansbury

I really wanted to go back to the theater, the live theater. That was the thing I had never had a chance to do, even though I had trained to be a stage actress.

~Angela Lansbury

It was an extraordinary experience to have backup singers like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. I have never experienced anything quite like it before and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. ~Angela Lansbury

I made about 56 movies, I think. Not that many.

~Angela Lansbury

I have never directed. But I think I could. I have thought about it. I'm a bit long in the tooth to start.

~Angela Lansbury

You learn the values that are inherent in the scene that the writer has written. You learn about who you as a character are in relation to those others who are working with you within that scene.

~Angela Lansbury

All I knew how to do was to act. That's the only thing I had in my favor. That was the thing that propelled me forward.

~Angela Lansbury

The thing I always say is that I wasn't going out reaching for roles, I wasn't fighting for roles - people came to me. They always came to me.

~Angela Lansbury

A sitcom. I hate that word.

~Angela Lansbury

I very seldom said no, and I was aided and abetted by my husband, who realized that the one thing I could do was to be a very good actress, by his note.

~Angela Lansbury

My memory about names and places now is dreadful. But lines, I can remember.

~Angela Lansbury

I can't say that I pursued a career. I really didn't, it just sort of happened.

~Angela Lansbury

I played the Piccadilly Theater with "Gypsy" and also the Old Vic, and I've done other shows in London, but not for 40 years.

~Angela Lansbury

The Manchurian Candidate was the most important movie I was in, let's face it.

~Angela Lansbury

Louis B. Mayer and I got along like a house afire. He never chased me around his desk or tried anything with me. Of course, he never gave me any good parts, either.

~Angela Lansbury

#### Actors are not made, they are born.

~Angela Lansbury

### I never regretted what I turned down.

~Angela Lansbury

Everything I did actually helped to build the revenue, shall we say, of experience, which enabled me to play a variety of roles as I got older. ~Angela Lansbury

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