

Anthony Minghella

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I have always believed that there is a need for life-affirming films.

~Anthony Minghella

You know, you lose a lot of social skills if you're a writer. You spend too long alone. And it's forced me to address that.

~Anthony Minghella

The only lesson to extract from any civil war is that it's pointless and futile and ugly, and that there is nothing glamorous or heroic about it. There are heroes, but the causes are never heroic.

~Anthony Minghella

Look at it this way: if you write the novel of 'Cold Mountain,' it costs exactly the same to produce and market as a novel set in a room. If you make the film, the disparity of costs is huge.

~Anthony Minghella

Once you start to realize that a film is the sum of its editing, then editing is the thing you're always looking at.

~Anthony Minghella

The feeling of not belonging, of not being entirely worthy, of being sometimes hostage to your own sensibilities. Those things speak to me very personally.

~Anthony Minghella

My grandmother was a huge influence on me and the fact that there was this very strong, rather formidable presence of women in my life has been an enormous value.

~Anthony Minghella

No studio in Hollywood wanted 'Cold Mountain.' None. No one wanted 'Ripley,' no one wanted 'The English Patient.' That tells you there isn't really an appetite for ambitious movie-making out there.

~Anthony Minghella

Of course, like all film-makers I've been mesmerised by cinema since I was a child.

~Anthony Minghella

I always listen to music, my passion and vice is music, I will be denied access to heaven because of the number of CDs I own, and I have gluttony for all types and colours of music.

~Anthony Minghella

As a teenager I was obsessed with music and with writing and performing songs.

~Anthony Minghella

I am a writer who was able to direct the films that I write.

~Anthony Minghella

Being a writer-director can sometimes make you incredibly blinkered.

~Anthony Minghella

Waiting is part of writing. When I write the word 'waiting' by hand it even looks like 'writing.'

~Anthony Minghella

The BFI exists to celebrate all poets of world cinema, of the past and present.

~Anthony Minghella

The problem with growing up in a cafe was the cafe never closed, my parents worked every day of the year from morning to night. So it was a big menagerie of kids, business and cooking!

~Anthony Minghella

[Abbas Kiarostami] is a great artist and a poet. I sometimes think that if Samuel Beckett made films, he'd make them like Kiarostami makes them.

~Anthony Minghella

Betrayals during war are childlike compared with our betrayals during peace.

~Anthony Minghella

I had never thought of myself as a director and found out that I was not. I am a writer who was able to direct the films that I write.

~Anthony Minghella

I was one of five very clever kids, the other kids were cleverer than I was and still are and are very achieving. The girls were always first at everything and I was always 101st!

~Anthony Minghella

I don't hold with the notion that only bad books make good movies.

~Anthony Minghella

There's a great tradition at the BFI of giving fellowships and I thought one of the great jobs that I'd have at the BFI would be to give them out on a regular basis.

~Anthony Minghella

I work fitfully, in hope rather than in expectation, invent methods which last a week, and fill notebooks with tiny, illegible writing which often defies my own attempts to decipher it.

~Anthony Minghella

I never feel more myself than when I'm writing; I never enjoy any day more than a good writing day.

~Anthony Minghella

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