

Antony Sher Quotes

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Life is just more comfortable if you're honest and open about everything. I spent so many years being in the closet about one thing or another.

~Antony Sher

Most of my career has been spent with the RSC doing Shakespeare, and the thing you learn from Shakespeare is that his historical plays don't bear anything other than a basic resemblance to history.

~Antony Sher

As a gay Jewish white South African, I belong to quite a lot of minority groups. You constantly have to question who you are, what you are and whether you have the courage to be who you are.

~Antony Sher

The effort of learning. It's the same when you approach any new skill or technique, from a dance step to driving a car. The effort of learning stops you, at first, from doing it well.

~Antony Sher

What drew me to acting in the first place was disguise.

~Antony Sher

I was a weak kid, not good at what all the boys at school were good at and I found that by acting, by being other people, I could liberate myself from those inadequacies.

~Antony Sher

If I could write a letter to my teenage self I'd probably say something like: "You ain't gonna believe what will become of you."

~Antony Sher

A lot of good actors tend to be quite introverted as people.

~Antony Sher

I have a Woody Allen Jewish attitude to life: that it's all going to be disastrous. That it hasn't all been that way is simply down to some random quirk of fate.

~Antony Sher

It's good for actors to confront those things we have to act: panic, pain and death.

~Antony Sher

I can feel the power of the words doing the work. Must trust language more.

~Antony Sher

I don't believe in an afterlife.

~Antony Sher

I feel so sorry for younger actors who aren't able to have the opportunities that I had, starting out in repertory theatre. It's really tough on young actors now.

~Antony Sher

I'm always very proud of belonging to three minorities: gay, Jewish, white South African.

~Antony Sher

When I'm painting and drawing I only do people. Acting is obviously portraiture - and writing is as well.

~Antony Sher

The whole of my acting career is a bit of a mystery to me.

~Antony Sher

I was never built to play the hero. Physically or emotionally... And they're not as rewarding to play. At least for me.

~Antony Sher

I love playing outsiders, I always do.

~Antony Sher

I believe deeply in therapy. There's no one in the world who wouldn't benefit from it.

~Antony Sher

Every play I do, every book I write, every painting I paint, I will struggle with. I don't know what it's like for a project to come easy.

~Antony Sher

My grandparents all came from Lithuania to South Africa. My first novel, *Middlepost*, is a fictional account of that journey.

~Antony Sher

I'm a huge fan of David Hockney. I love the way he keeps reinventing himself.

~Antony Sher

I love the mixture that's in me. It makes me me. And that's why it's such a shame that people waste energy in denying who they are.

~Antony Sher

We've all got darkness inside us. And I've got quite a lot of darkness.

~Antony Sher

I'm a complete technophobe. I can't even email.

~Antony Sher

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