

# Ava Gardner Quotes

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I wish to live to 150 years old, but the day I die, I wish it to be with a cigarette in one hand and a glass of whiskey in the other.

~Ava Gardner

When I'm old and gray, I want to have a house by the sea. And paint. With a lot of wonderful chums, good music, and booze around. And a damn good kitchen to cook in.

~Ava Gardner

Women's liberation as a movement makes some valid points. But in the final analysis, it doesn't matter who wears the pants - as long as there's money in the pockets.

~Ava Gardner

If I had my life to live over again, I'd live it the same way. Maybe a few changes here or there, but nothing special. The truth is, honey, I've enjoyed my life. I've had a hell of a good time.

~Ava Gardner

It's a pity nobody believes in simple lust anymore.

~Ava Gardner

I do everything for a reason. Most of the time the reason is money.

~Ava Gardner

Although no one believes me, I have always been a country girl and still have a country girl's values

~Ava Gardner

Love is nothing but a pain in the ass

~Ava Gardner

Elizabeth Taylor is not beautiful, she is prettyâ€”I was beautiful.

~Ava Gardner

What I'd really like to say about stardom is that it gave me everything I never wanted.

~Ava Gardner

I don't mind growing old. If I have to go before my time, this is how I'll go-- cigarette in one hand, glass of scotch in the other.

~Ava Gardner

Sex isn't all that important, but it is when you love someone very much.

~Ava Gardner

When I lose my temper, honey, you can't find it any place.

~Ava Gardner

Petting is the study of the anatomy in braille.

~Ava Gardner

I either write the book or sell the jewels. And I'm kinda sentimental about the jewels.

~Ava Gardner

I have only one rule in acting - trust the director and give him heart and soul.

~Ava Gardner

Doing nothing feels like floating on warm water to me. Delightful, perfect.

~Ava Gardner

Fame gives you everything you never wanted.

~Ava Gardner

All I have going is my looks. When my beauty goes, I'm through.

~Ava Gardner

I want to remember it all, the good times and the bad times, the late nights, the boozing, the dancing into dawns, and all the great and not-so-great people I met and loved in those years.

~Ava Gardner

Because I was promoted as a sort of a siren and played all those sexy broads, people made the mistake of thinking I was like that off the screen. They couldn't have been more wrong

~Ava Gardner

After my screen test, the director clapped his hands gleefully and yelled: "She can't talk! She can't act! She's sensational!"

~Ava Gardner

Fame and fortune does not mean anything if you don't have a happy home.

~Ava Gardner

I am deeply superficial.

~Ava Gardner

Sing me not a song; let me hear your recital of veneration and respect; this I will listen to over and over when I share your need of pleasing.

~Ava Gardner

Deep down, I'm pretty superficial.

~Ava Gardner

Hollywood - that's a place where love is viewed both pragmatically and philosophically in the saying, 'Tis better to have loved and divorced than never to have had any publicity at all.

~Ava Gardner

I think the main reason my marriages failed is that I always loved too

well but never wisely.

~Ava Gardner

For the loot, honey, for the loot.

~Ava Gardner

I must have seen more sunrises than any other actress in the history of Hollywood.

~Ava Gardner

He will always be my Sir Galahad.

~Ava Gardner

So this was where lust was satisfied. If I'd been an old-time miner I'd have asked for my gold nugget back.

~Ava Gardner

I was lazy. I would have been a hell of a lot better actress had I taken it more seriously. I never had the proper respect for acting. Quite often, I learned my lines on the way to the studio.

~Ava Gardner

I was never an actress -- none of us kids at Metro were. We were just good to look at.

~Ava Gardner

God knows I've got so many frailties myself, I ought to be able to understand and forgive them in others. But I don't.

~Ava Gardner

I hate cheating. I won't put up with it. I don't do it myself.

~Ava Gardner

I thought I was making fifty dollars a week [at MGM], but it turned out to

be \$35 because twelve weeks of the year you were on layoff. It was white slavery, and it lasted for seventeen years.

~Ava Gardner

I couldn't imagine a better place [Australia] for making a film on the end of the world.

~Ava Gardner

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