

# Barbra Streisand Quotes

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I love things that are indescribable, like the taste of an avocado or the smell of a gardenia.

~Barbra Streisand

Success to me is having ten honeydew melons and eating only the top half of each slice.

~Barbra Streisand

I was a personality before I became a person - I am simple, complex, generous, selfish, unattractive, beautiful, lazy and driven.

~Barbra Streisand

You have got to discover you, what you do, and trust it.

~Barbra Streisand

The idea of a liberal media bias is simply a myth. If only it were true, we might have a more humane, open-minded, and ultimately effective public debate on the issues facing the country.

~Barbra Streisand

I don't like the word 'superstar'. It has ridiculous implications. These words - star, stupor, superstar, stupid star - they're misleading. It's a myth.

~Barbra Streisand

Oh God, don't envy me, I have my own pains.

~Barbra Streisand

When they tried me out as a host on TV, I found that I just couldn't be that gregarious person. I was stranger than that.

~Barbra Streisand

Stay true to yourself. People respond to authenticity.

~Barbra Streisand

Doubt can motivate you, so don't be afraid of it. Confidence and doubt are at two ends of the scale, and you need both. They balance each other out.

~Barbra Streisand

The dream - you never achieve it. The excitement of life lies in the hope, in the striving for something rather than the attainment.

~Barbra Streisand

Art does not exist only to entertain, but also to challenge one to think, to provoke, even to disturb, in a constant search for truth.

~Barbra Streisand

Art finds a way to be constructive. It becomes heat in cold places; it becomes light in dark places.

~Barbra Streisand

How I wish we lived in a time when laws were not necessary to safeguard us from discrimination.

~Barbra Streisand

There's a part of you that always remains a child, no matter how mature you get, how sophisticated or weary.

~Barbra Streisand

Life's too short. Start with Dessert!

~Barbra Streisand

I'm a work in progress.

~Barbra Streisand

I like simple things. Elastic waists, so I can eat.

~Barbra Streisand

Part of our society kills what it loves, despises what it's created. It really hates success.

~Barbra Streisand

I don't care what you say about me. Just be sure to spell my name wrong.

~Barbra Streisand

Why is it people who want the truth never believe it when they hear it?

~Barbra Streisand

I've been called many names like perfectionist, difficult and obsessive. I think it takes obsession, takes searching for the details for any artist to be good.

~Barbra Streisand

I'm not weird, just different from people who aren't different.

~Barbra Streisand

I can take any truth; just don't lie to me.

~Barbra Streisand

I was a personality before I became a person.

~Barbra Streisand

I wish I could be like Shaw who once read a bad review of one of his plays, called the critic and said: 'I have your review in front of me and soon it will be behind me.'

~Barbra Streisand

. . . it is true, even people with painful childhoods. . . grow up to be more interesting people. So, there's always a positive to a negative.

~Barbra Streisand

I must have got my detailed, obsessive streak from my father, who was an English teacher, because my mother wasn't like me at all.

~Barbra Streisand

One thing's for sure: now when I look at *Funny Girl*, I think I was gorgeous. I was too beautiful to play Fanny Brice.

~Barbra Streisand

I want the best product for my audience, and if I don't care 100%, who will? It's my name, my likeness that goes out there.

~Barbra Streisand

I just don't want to be hampered by my own limitations.

~Barbra Streisand

Why does a woman work ten years to change a man's habits and then complain that he's not the man she married?

~Barbra Streisand

They're called 'angels' because they're in heaven until the reviews come out.

~Barbra Streisand

Why is it men are permitted to be obsessed about their work, but women are only permitted to be obsessed about men?

~Barbra Streisand

Sometimes, when you work with mediocre talents, they feel entitled. They act like stars. Genuinely talented people don't.

~Barbra Streisand

I tell you what I envy about people in love - I'd love it if someone knew me I mean really knew me. What I like what I'm afraid of what kind of toothpaste I use." - Rose Morgan

~Barbra Streisand

Myths are a waste of time. They prevent progression.

~Barbra Streisand

I arrived in Hollywood without having my nose fixed, my teeth capped, or my name changed. That is very gratifying to me.

~Barbra Streisand

I'm not that ambitious any more. I just like my privacy. I wish I really wasn't talked about at all.

~Barbra Streisand

I go by instinct - I don't worry about experience.

~Barbra Streisand

The audience is the best judge of anything. They cannot be lied to. Truth brings them closer. A moment that lags - they're gonna cough.

~Barbra Streisand

I also have intense relationships with furniture... probably because we practically had none when I was growing up.

~Barbra Streisand

A human being is only interesting if he's in contact with himself.

~Barbra Streisand

There is nothing more important in life than love.

~Barbra Streisand

Love comes from the most unexpected places.

~Barbra Streisand

Most awards, you know, they don't give you unless you go and get

them - did you know that? Terribly discouraging.

~Barbra Streisand

I always wear the same thing at home. I can't be bothered with jewelry. My pants have elastic waists. I like to be comfortable. There are so many more important things to worry about.

~Barbra Streisand

It always gave me the creeps when I saw performers who desperately wanted the audience to like them. That's not what I'm about.

~Barbra Streisand

I think of myself as a girl from Brooklyn.

~Barbra Streisand

I don't enjoy public performances and being up on a stage. I don't enjoy the glamour. Like tonight, I am up on stage and my feet hurt.

~Barbra Streisand

Believe in the power of your voice! Be yourself. Everyone is unique.

~Barbra Streisand

What does it mean when people applaud? Should I give 'em money? Say thank you? Lift my dress? The lack of applause - that I can respond to.

~Barbra Streisand

Marlon Brando. The finest actor who ever lived. He was my idol when I was 13. He's done enough work to last two lifetimes. Everything I do, I think: Can Brando play this with me?

~Barbra Streisand

I've considered having my nose fixed. But I didn't trust anyone enough. If I could do it myself with a mirror.

~Barbra Streisand

I only began to sing because I couldn't get a job as an actress.

~Barbra Streisand

I find George Bush and Dick Cheney frightening, Donald Rumsfeld and John Ashcroft frightening.

~Barbra Streisand

I'm tired of malicious articles slandering me.

~Barbra Streisand

I don't know why it is that we need to denigrate, to knock down. It's so sick.

~Barbra Streisand

I never sing in the shower either.

~Barbra Streisand

I have one son. Of everything I've done in my life, nothing matches the feeling of having life growing inside you.

~Barbra Streisand

Moviemakers can be late to a subject, or afraid, but often they are brave and ahead of their time.

~Barbra Streisand

Eighteenth century American furniture and the design of the architects Greene and Greene are my special love.

~Barbra Streisand

We cannot let the right wing roll back more than thirty years of social progress.

~Barbra Streisand



I still like my antique clothes.

~Barbra Streisand

I hated singing. I wanted to be an actress. But I don't think I'd have made it any other way.

~Barbra Streisand

Men are allowed to have passion and commitment for their work... a woman is allowed that feeling for a man, but not her work.

~Barbra Streisand

I hate tooting my own horn, but after Steven Spielberg saw Yentl, he said: "I wish I could tell you how to fix your picture, but I can't. It's the best film I've seen since Citizen Kane".

~Barbra Streisand

I'll see a celadon green room in an 18th century New Hampshire house and just fall in love. Colors stay in my head.

~Barbra Streisand

I need instant gratification.

~Barbra Streisand

It is every woman's dream to be some man's dream woman.

~Barbra Streisand

You have to live life in the moment and get the most out of it.

~Barbra Streisand

Everyone has a right to love and be loved, and nobody on this earth has the right to tell anyone that their love for another human being is morally wrong.

~Barbra Streisand

When I sing, people shut up.

~Barbra Streisand

The result [Republicans winning the Senate] would be devastating for reproductive choice, the environment, civil liberties, Social Security and health care, as well as corporate accountability.

~Barbra Streisand

I knew that with a mouth like mine, I just hadda be a star or something.

~Barbra Streisand

A man who graduated high in his class at Yale Law School and made partnership in a top law firm would be celebrated. But a woman who accomplishes this is treated with suspicion.

~Barbra Streisand

The audience is the barometer of the truth.

~Barbra Streisand

When I was a teenager in New York, I was buying antique clothes. I still am.

~Barbra Streisand

Why don't you have a cup of coffee at least? I, um, I'm a little low in sugar and I don't have any cream, but it's real coffee.

~Barbra Streisand

It's very often the artist who gives a voice to the voiceless by speaking up when no one else will.

~Barbra Streisand

I'm interested in the truth, and unauthorized biographies are not. Yes, I would like to correct those errors someday.

~Barbra Streisand

I was kind of a wild child. I wasn't taught the niceties of life.

~Barbra Streisand

I was raised on the streets, in hot, steamy Brooklyn, with stifled air.

~Barbra Streisand

I am a nice person. I care about my driver having lunch, you know.

~Barbra Streisand

How could such a destructive man [referring to Bush] be so popular with the American people?... Not only is he poisoning our air and water - he's poisoning our political system as well.

~Barbra Streisand

Directing is so interesting. You know, it just sort of encompasses everything that you see, that you know, that you've felt, that you have observed.

~Barbra Streisand

Just like my father, I've always loved education. In school I was a member of the honor society.

~Barbra Streisand

Issues of foreign policy have a place in every election for President.

~Barbra Streisand

My nose was part of my heritage, and if I had talent to sing and to act, why wasn't that enough?

~Barbra Streisand

My mother never really thought I could become anything.

~Barbra Streisand

I can't stand to see red in my profit-or-loss column. I'm Taurus the bull,

so I react to red. If I see it, I sell my stocks quickly.

~Barbra Streisand

I don't feel like a legend. I feel like a work in progress.

~Barbra Streisand

If I hear a record once, I usually never listen to it again. I rarely listen to music - unless it's Billie Holiday.

~Barbra Streisand

I think when I was younger, I wanted to be a star, until I became a star, and then it's a lot of work. It's work to be a star. I don't enjoy the stardom part. I only enjoy the creative process.

~Barbra Streisand

No one should have to conform to some mythical concept of the ideal family.

~Barbra Streisand

I'm sure that I don't know everything I want to know. I have so much more to learn.

~Barbra Streisand

Performing, for me, has always been a very inner process.

~Barbra Streisand

Thank God there were a couple of people in my life who said, "Go on, go on - you can do it!"

~Barbra Streisand

I've always liked working really hard and then doing nothing in particular. So, consequently, I didn't overexpose myself; I guess I maintained a kind of mystery. I wasn't ambitious.

~Barbra Streisand

Being a celebrity is a no-win situation. If you get along with your co-star you're having an affair, if you don't you're having a feud.

~Barbra Streisand

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