

# Ben Stiller Quotes

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Moisture is the essence of wetness, and wetness is the essence of beauty.

~Ben Stiller

My parents used to throw great New Year's Eve parties. They invited such an eclectic mix of showbiz people. All those cool people were always hanging out at our apartment.

~Ben Stiller

Fashion is so over the top.

~Ben Stiller

I don't devalue comedy as compared to drama. Not one bit.

~Ben Stiller

I have a lot of nervous energy. Work is my best way of channelling that into something productive unless I want to wind up assaulting the postman or gardener.

~Ben Stiller

Oh, you can milk just about anything with nipples.

~Ben Stiller

Success doesn't necessarily mean happiness.

~Ben Stiller

I know that I'm better as an actor when I'm working with a good actor. I think anytime you're working with a better actor, it makes you a better actor.

~Ben Stiller

Words can only hurt you if you try to read them. Don't play their game!

~Ben Stiller

I'm pretty sure there's a lot more to life than being really, really, ridiculously good looking. And I plan on finding out what that is.

~Ben Stiller

There's an old saying in Hollywood: It's not the length of your film, it's how you use it.

~Ben Stiller

I think most politicians could take a dodgeball in the face.

~Ben Stiller

Nobody makes me bleed my own blood - nobody!

~Ben Stiller

I grew up wanting to make movies, and along the way I suddenly found that I had a career doing comedy.

~Ben Stiller

I've had a very good career and I'm grateful that the public has had some level of acceptance and appreciation of my work.

~Ben Stiller

God was showing off when he made you.

~Ben Stiller

Jim Carrey, a comic genius, has a harder time overcoming the public's desire for him to be funny simply because he's so good at it.

~Ben Stiller

I don't need a compass to tell me which way the wind shines !

~Ben Stiller

A eugoogoolizer...one who speaks at funerals...Or did you think I was too stupid to know what a eugoogooly was?

~Ben Stiller

I think people will be curious to see what I can do as a dramatic actor.

~Ben Stiller

Whatever talent I had, I'm sure it helped that my parents were in the business and that I grew up around actors, comedians and directors.

~Ben Stiller

I love New York. I was sad, depressed and incredibly moved by our fellow countrymen and what they've done. I wanted to give people a chance to see something funny, have a distraction.

~Ben Stiller

I don't have a burning desire to be taken seriously as an actor. I don't have a master plan in that way.

~Ben Stiller

It was a mixed blessing to have famous parents. It was tough to go to auditions and be bad, since I couldn't be anonymous.

~Ben Stiller

There's always an element of fear that you need to work a lot until people get sick and tired of you or finally figure out that you're a fraud after all!

~Ben Stiller

I don't think the public is dying to see me necessarily be funny all the time.

~Ben Stiller

I enjoy the work I do in comedies. It's a valid test of your creative abilities.

~Ben Stiller

I don't know what that weird fantasy is that makes people go, "Oh, you must have had a great childhood."

~Ben Stiller

If you look at my eyes when I'm dancing, you'll see that glazed look.

~Ben Stiller

Stiller was able to reach speeds of around 35 miles per hour, no small task for someone who had never longboarded before.

~Ben Stiller

I'm always willing to endure humiliation on behalf of my characters.

~Ben Stiller

The cliches are that it's the most generic Starsky and Hutch plot you can find.

~Ben Stiller

I would like to do more dramas when I find a good role that will allow me to politely upset people's expectations of me as a comic actor.

~Ben Stiller

I'm not an expert on the Malaysian sense of humor.

~Ben Stiller

I think this whole celebrity world is weird anyway. Weird and funny and kind of pathetic and yet so right for parody.

~Ben Stiller

I have not been an easygoing guy. I think it's called bipolar manic depression. I've got a rich history of that in my family.

~Ben Stiller

You're freaked out that you're going to be having a child, and once

you're looking after your daughter, it's the most beautiful thing in the world.

~Ben Stiller

It's weird that people expect me to be funny. I find it a real burden when I'm expected to be humorous on talk shows.

~Ben Stiller

You have to stay in character in between takes.

~Ben Stiller

I love history. I'm very interested by it and I think it's great to have a movie that brings it alive in a way. It's sort of that romanticized version of it.

~Ben Stiller

It's what I wanted to do with my life. Not necessarily just direct Jim Carrey movies, but to direct and act and write and create and along the way discover what it is that I'm about.

~Ben Stiller

Sometimes I wondered whether I hadn't let my career get confined to one direction, but lately I've decided to accept the fact that I have this opportunity to be successful doing comedies.

~Ben Stiller

Maybe forced retirement isn't necessary after all.

~Ben Stiller

When we were visiting New York City, I took my kids to the same playground where I went growing up. It was fun to feel that connection of having gone there as a kid and being there as a parent.

~Ben Stiller

Very quickly after meeting Dustin, the whole image I had of him was shattered.

~Ben Stiller

I actually started working on Madagascar before my daughter was born.

~Ben Stiller

I wanted to be funny for people who didn't care about fashion at all, to just to kind of exist as a silly character.

~Ben Stiller

I recently watched that Lucie Arnaz-produced documentary [Lucy and Desi: A Home Movie, 1992] about her parents [Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz], and I saw so much of my own childhood there.

~Ben Stiller

I don't even want to think of myself as an actor because it's such an insecure place to go.

~Ben Stiller

There's a sense here in L.A. that everybody's aware of everybody all the time. It's funny but we choose it. People who are here want to be here, including me.

~Ben Stiller

All those rumors about her being underweight are trash. She's [Calista Flockhart] gorgeous.

~Ben Stiller

Zoolander was more of my own sensibility.

~Ben Stiller

Paul is Starsky, and I met him before shooting. He was very kind and

encouraged us to go with what we wanted to do. It was very sweet to see them back with the car after 25 years.

~Ben Stiller

The failure of *The Cable Guy* impacted my career. I had to start writing and acting again.

~Ben Stiller

My own parents were touchy-feely.

~Ben Stiller

I'd love to travel more. I really look forward to traveling with my kids. I'm just waiting for them to want to travel with me.

~Ben Stiller

I don't play hockey at all. I'm not comfortable on skates.

~Ben Stiller

It's great to work with the people who make you laugh and who are funnier than I am.

~Ben Stiller

As a kid I had dreams about being successful, thinking it would be cool. Then, when I was in my 20s, I really thought I had it much more figured out than I do now.

~Ben Stiller

I'm very interested in the early American history, the time when the country came together.

~Ben Stiller

I studied Tom Cruise running in all the *Mission Impossible*s. I think he's one of the best screen runners.

~Ben Stiller



I don't think know if anything's going to translate anywhere. You're making a movie, you hope it's going to be funny, you can't think about how it's going to go over.

~Ben Stiller

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