

# Brian Helgeland Quotes

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Its such an egotistical thing to be able to just stand there and say, Action! Its like being a little mini-god.

~Brian Helgeland

It's okay to lie as long as you reach a higher truth doing it.

~Brian Helgeland

Its as boring to see a completely evil villain as it is to see a completely good guy.

~Brian Helgeland

I worked as hard to write the worst film of the year as I did to write the best film of the year.

~Brian Helgeland

As much as I love period movies and especially more swashbuckling movies, I think that sometimes they tend to be, umm... it's hard for the audience to relate to them.

~Brian Helgeland

I write R-rated action dramas, and every year that goes by, that gets to be a smaller and smaller world you have to work in. You have to think of how to get the studio excited and sell them something.

~Brian Helgeland

If Im in the bookstore, and I see a 700-page novel, my first thought is, Ooh, how could you cut this down to size and make a movie out of it?

~Brian Helgeland

I think test screenings with an audience are useful because they have no dog in the fight, they just say how they feel.

~Brian Helgeland

In exchange for ten years of being on top, I'm gonna end up in prison or

I'm gonna end up dead, and there's something fascinating about that.

~Brian Helgeland

I think writing is a difficult thing and you need to suffer a little bit, even if it's just to sit there and think what an idiot you are and how anyone else could do this better than you can.

~Brian Helgeland

Because I've been at it so long and very steadily, I have a lot of credits, but I probably have twice as many scripts that were never made for whatever reason.

~Brian Helgeland

In my own experience, the scripts that I wrote, if they didn't go within two years and become a film, they never went and no one ever came looking for them.

~Brian Helgeland

It's always once the script's done in the first two years if it doesn't get going somehow or another, I've never had an old script that someone's made later on.

~Brian Helgeland

I know a lot of directors have a whole staff of people trying to find their next film for them. I always just end up writing mine.

~Brian Helgeland

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