

# Bryan Fuller

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I'm always looking for the idea in a scene or the philosophy that makes a scene worth existing beyond exposition.

~Bryan Fuller

I love that India has declared dolphins non-human people with all laws that apply to human. I'm fascinated with the alien-ness of that.

~Bryan Fuller

I'm not always successful, but I take my job as a storyteller very seriously and want to make sure the audience has as much fun watching it as I am creating it.

~Bryan Fuller

Relationships are now off-kilter.

~Bryan Fuller

I think you have to write what you want to watch.

~Bryan Fuller

It's such a surreal experience, being shot out of the cannon for any kind of first season show. It all seems very dreamlike.

~Bryan Fuller

Dr. Lecter would have more sustenance on the spacecraft from Alien because there are more people to eat. I think he'd get hungry after a while in the Overlook - I can't imagine him eating canned food.

~Bryan Fuller

I think if you are writing something that you are trying to design for someone else to like that is not necessarily you're demographic, it is a much harder road.

~Bryan Fuller

What I enjoy about my work is that it's all things that I wanted to see as

an audience member so there's part of me that understands what an audience wants to see in that respect.

~Bryan Fuller

It's a neat experience to go from the blank page to an actor elevating it to the audience understanding it - the full life of that is why I became a writer.

~Bryan Fuller

I'm very hard on myself when it comes to writing.

~Bryan Fuller

Looking back, it's funny how the lighter family-friendly version of these classic Universal movie monsters that were satirized in *The Munsters* seduced me like a gateway drug into the genre.

~Bryan Fuller

Cinema and emotion trump reality for me.

~Bryan Fuller

We often do to people what people are very comfortable with doing to animals without a second thought.

~Bryan Fuller

International broadcasters are often dependent on an American home broadcasting network, so it changes the game entirely.

~Bryan Fuller

Molly Shannon such an interesting actress that portrays vulnerability and danger at the same time, because she seems brittle in that role.

~Bryan Fuller

Race totally matters. Race totally changes your point of view. It's a different experience.

~Bryan Fuller

If it is true that if you believe in something, you manifest it, there are many Jesus Christs in the universe, because there are many different cultural interpretations of Jesus.

~Bryan Fuller

Jesus Christ, being 2000 years old and some change, is a relatively "new" god of the older god category - and has done quite well for himself, in terms of worship.

~Bryan Fuller

Our idea for Hannibal Lecter is that he's very reactionary - he's somebody who can adapt really well to circumstances.

~Bryan Fuller

For Hannibal, it's really about food as art and also, Hannibal's specific brand of art. And I guess I'm a bit of a foodie.

~Bryan Fuller

A poor white woman from the South is different than a poor black woman from the South, and has a completely different experience.

~Bryan Fuller

Anything that happens on any show is a plot contrivance because that's just storytelling.

~Bryan Fuller

I do love animals so much, and have a great respect for them emotionally and intellectually, because they are so different from human beings.

~Bryan Fuller

As an animal lover and as a sometime-meat-eater, I've read so much

about the emotional sophistication of pigs and cows and sheep that I do think twice when I do still eat them on occasion.

~Bryan Fuller

If you're just grinding up hamburger at McDonald's, I see that as a bit of an affront to living things. You're not really honoring the life.

~Bryan Fuller

I, as the writer, can be very clear that I am writing a work of heightened fiction, as opposed to documenting horrible things that happen every day in the world. Which I have no interest in doing.

~Bryan Fuller

Horror films have always been quite operatic for me. I always sort of scratch my head at people's offense to them. If you don't get them, and you don't like them, then don't watch them.

~Bryan Fuller

If you see the blood, then there's an easy association of the violence. The violence that happens when there isn't blood is actually much more subversive and unsettling.

~Bryan Fuller

There's usually a few people who are like, "Say... what would that look like on our channel?" Interest can be expressed without directly expressing interest.

~Bryan Fuller

It would be pathological narcissism to assume that that person had to live how I live.

~Bryan Fuller

As an insecure writer, I'll finish a scene and worry there's a better version of it. Or it could be elevated somehow.

~Bryan Fuller

I think accessibility is what often denies horror its deserved attention. So it all depends on the execution and whether mainstream audiences can accept it.

~Bryan Fuller

You can't measure a dog's intelligence by giving him a verbal test 'cause it's not on their scale, but that doesn't mean they're not intelligent creatures.

~Bryan Fuller

We only really, deeply consider what our life is when we're faced with mortality on some level.

~Bryan Fuller

I love the supernatural in storytelling. The Twilight Zone was a huge influence on me, in terms of writing and storytelling, where you're not restricted to the parameters of reality to tell your tale.

~Bryan Fuller

Hannibal is very much a secular story, even though we dance right up to the supernatural a few times in the show, and, arguably, you could say we dipped our toe in an instance or two.

~Bryan Fuller

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