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Girls can wear jeans, cut their hair short, wear shirts and boots, 'cause it's okay to be a boy, but for a boy to look like a girl is degrading.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

You think that being a girl is degrading, but secretly, you'd love to know what it's like, wouldn't you?

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

There were always questions about my parents; I got so fed up with that.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

In France, you're with the crew, and you have lunch with them. It's more like a family.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

The more you turn down things, the more difficult it becomes to feel that the next one will be right.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I thought people would ask me really personal questions because I've shown more of myself, but it's a comedy, and people understand that it's a game we play.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I love being a beginner. It can be a terrible feeling because you're ashamed of everything you do, but it's so exciting at the same time.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

There's always this thing of wanting to be elsewhere.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I hope one day I will be able to be completely myself. Maybe I'll be wilder.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I wasn't getting the responses I hoped for. You can't protect yourself from other judgments.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I'm desperate to work again. I've often had those periods, but two years was the longest.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I'm a very shy person towards my intimacy and private life.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Everyone gets the feeling that they know you and they know your life, and I felt really embarrassed by that.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I hated seeing myself on screen. I was full of complexes. I hated my face for a very, very long time.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

When you fight against your own weaknesses, there's something embarrassing about it.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Even moving around onstage seemed very artificial. But at the same time you have to make that effort in order to get back to who you are and even accept not moving, if that's who you are.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I was very well paid for my age, and I could make choices, decide not to do a film for six months and wait until I'd get the right thing. Which made me quite a coward.

I still find it hard to push my own limits. I know where my limits are and that I always have to push myself.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

You don't even need the director's judgement. It's too much.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I found it very difficult to explain to someone why you did a film. It's not like having a conversation.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Wanting to do it was much more powerful than the fright.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I like to play roles different from myself so I can hide behind them.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I didn't want to change my personality onstage, but I still had to build some kind of ego to be able to go up there. If not, there's no point.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Letting go of things and not being afraid of being ridiculous or over the top - I think that's the main thing for me to work on.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

My father loved me and he wanted to work with me and he didn't care what people would say.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I thought people wouldn't take me seriously if too much acting was involved in the singing. But now I love the idea of mixing everything together.

I used to hate being recognised.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Before I started touring, I worked with someone to help me, even physically, because I was so shy. And you can't be shy going onstage. So I had to push myself in a direction that wasn't myself.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

The English was really my mother, it was never me. Being the daughter of my father, I always felt very French.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

It's nice that we have all these different films.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

It's more than a job. It's very personal, so when you're hurt, you're really hurt inside.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

You don't accept your weaknesses the same way that you love the weaknesses of another artist, because when they make mistakes they don't look like weaknesses.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

The character is close to me, except that I haven't lived through those situations, so it's not completely me.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I wish I could just accept that I'm not that good and not be shy about the fact that I'm not that professional.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I went on television and I wouldn't say a word; I feel so stupid when I watch them again.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

The problem with me in doing things simply is that I feel I'm not enough. It's all very embarrassing.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I was very attached to my family when my father died. I was 19. I was about to go live with my father right when he died, so it was very intense.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I don't feel that I've accomplished anything. I feel that it'll be better when I won't care as much, but it's so difficult to let go and accept all the wrong notes.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I'd love to be able to write again, but I'm so repetitive. And it was all about fear. Never positive. Just indulgent about my sadness.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I don't feel I have to share everything.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I think I developed a very closed personality. I didn't really have friends. I changed schools every year.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I think, being an actress, you know that you're getting old. I'm 44. I mean, an agent said when I turned 40, "It won't get better."

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I would love to be able to do a film. I would love to be able to focus on what excites me in watching actors.

I have ideas of subjects and atmospheres that I love. I either want to go in a tougher, stronger direction or do the opposite: simple ballads.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I don't like being on my own. I'm happy meeting people and collaborating.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I started so old, so the touring world will always be a foreign land for me. I'll never be someone who's "been on the road."

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I haven't found a comfortable place onstage. I'm sure it doesn't have to be comfortable, but I'm very nervous, so I don't enjoy myself.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I didn't go to acting school, so it was great to be able to rehearse for a month or two, to workshop, and be with a director who even gave me acting exercises.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I hope I'll consider my next part, having learnt from this one.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

At the beginning it wasn't to do with the work, it was more the experience.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

In France I'm very private, I don't like talking about my life, and I imagined that people would think that I'm now an open book.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

The more sincere I could be, the better it would be for the film.

I don't have a career plan. I've never done that. Things happen accidentally and I've been lucky.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I came to understand that people come and see you because they like you. They don't come to throw things at you.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

It was very liberating to be able to sing in English. It had a different resonance, different images. It was like being a stranger in a foreign land, which was helpful.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I don't want to feel that I'm a singer or an actress - being able to say that those are just experiences is what I enjoy.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

When you love someone, you don't want them to suffer at all.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

Maybe, in the back of my head, I'm thinking I have to do as much as I can. It'll stop.

~Charlotte Gainsbourg

I was so lucky because I started working very young. And my father was very wealthy and I didn't need to work. I did my films.

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