

Claire Danes

Quotes

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Once you get over that peak of puberty, you hit a nice stride.

~Claire Danes

I think I would make a lousy stay-at-home mom. It just wouldn't suit me.

~Claire Danes

Yeah, there was the Flora Plum thing, where I trained for about a month and I had taken a semester off for that, and two weeks prior to filming, the financing collapsed.

~Claire Danes

Autism does exist on a spectrum, and there are so many manifestations of it, so many kinds of expressions of it. And every case is particular.

~Claire Danes

If you do something that you're not genuinely passionate about, it is a little soul-crushing. Just not worth it.

~Claire Danes

Growing up in New York City, I was always encouraged to question authority, and I think I confused patriotism with jingoism.

~Claire Danes

You don't realize how useful a therapist is until you see yourself on e and discover you have more problems than you ever dreamed of.

~Claire Danes

It's funny with jeans now, because if they don't feel like a pair of sweatpants, I don't have patience for them anymore! I think I'm becoming increasingly lazy.

~Claire Danes

Acting is the greatest answer to my loneliness that I have found.

~Claire Danes

Every three seconds in the developing world, a child dies needlessly due to lack of basic health care and other things we all take for granted.

~Claire Danes

Huge events take place on this earth every day. Earthquakes, hurricanes, even glaciers move. So why couldn't he just look at me?

~Claire Danes

Counterterrorism isn't really about the nunchakus, the guns and gadgets. It's about psychology.

~Claire Danes

Find as many opportunities as you can and clock as many hours as you can.

~Claire Danes

What I needed was a connection to life that was real and lasting.

~Claire Danes

Growing up, I wanted desperately to please, to be a good girl.

~Claire Danes

You know, let a few years go by until I hit my midlife crisis. Then that can be documented on film.

~Claire Danes

I have a huge, active imagination, and I think I'm really scared of being alone; because if I'm left to my own devices, I'll just turn into a madwoman.

~Claire Danes

I was told that my going to college wouldn't be good for my career. I think that's nonsense. It's good to empower yourself by cutting yourself off from this business every once in a while.

~Claire Danes

I think because I am as earnest as I am, people were accepting of my evolving into a certified, legitimate, and grown up and I did take three years off.

~Claire Danes

I do know how to fire a machine gun, so be warned! I'm trained!

~Claire Danes

People with bipolar disorder have difficulty with boundaries.

~Claire Danes

Acting is a humiliating job, from start to finish.

~Claire Danes

I took three years off. I differentiated myself from the industry. Found my identity - sort of... I haven't graduated yet. I'm not legitimately educated yet, but maybe one day.

~Claire Danes

I'm so impressed by Jennifer Lawrence and Carey Mulligan. They have this exquisite taste. They are very gifted in their ability to make great choices.

~Claire Danes

There's certainly something very uncomfortable about the voyeurism involved in being in the press, being an actor, where people have a seemingly insatiable curiosity about, you.

~Claire Danes

I became very successful at a young age... I had lots of opportunities and lots of power and had no idea how to focus it.

~Claire Danes

I have to say that my dad's face is very malleable. He's barely got any cartilage in his face. I think I maybe inherited that Play-Doh-like physicality from him.

~Claire Danes

Hatred can become like food, it gives you this energy that you can, like, live off.

~Claire Danes

I was very driven to act from a very young age, and my parents were not only tolerant of that drive but also encouraging.

~Claire Danes

You are the most brave intrepid person I have ever known, and you have dedicated your life to helping those who are misunderstood and underrepresented.

~Claire Danes

I could truly have gone through life thinking that women were these venomous creatures. Turns out, they're not.

~Claire Danes

Fame doesn't end loneliness.

~Claire Danes

I really liked Yale, although it was extremely intimidating. When I visited the campus, I was hiding behind trees, I felt so unworthy.

~Claire Danes

I've never dated (casually). Ever. It's kind of weird. I did have a

boyfriend in junior high who was a kleptomaniac. We'd leave stores and he'd come out with something for me.

~Claire Danes

Relationships are a constant negotiation and balance.

~Claire Danes

I really have never been concerned about being beautiful on-screen. That's just not my jam.

~Claire Danes

I hadn't been free from adult responsibilities since I was 12, and I needed to experience that. I really needed to just be a kid again.

~Claire Danes

I have this book club, and we don't read one book; we offer up a few suggestions and create a library over time.

~Claire Danes

I've always had a really active imagination. Lots of kids have imaginary friends. Mine just took on a rather demonic form.

~Claire Danes

Money or no money, acting is my calling.

~Claire Danes

Tel Aviv is the most party time place in the world.

~Claire Danes

The first time I realised I was patriotic was after September 11th.

~Claire Danes

I know, it's true. I've played these tortured teenagers. I can't wait to shed that image.

~Claire Danes

With acting there are a lot more choices, With this, I either stick it or I don't. There's something really unforgiving about that.

~Claire Danes

I fantasized about being a psychology major when I first started school, and I took a handful of Psych 101 classes.

~Claire Danes

I don't know any celebrated people that register in a big way who aren't unique.

~Claire Danes

I discovered Christopher Isherwood in college. His writing style is so direct, warm, and inclusive.

~Claire Danes

I used to talk about my personal life all the time. It's the most fun thing to talk about, the people in my life are hurt.

~Claire Danes

I think it distinguishes television from every other medium. It's what makes it kind of radical, and risky, and fun.

~Claire Danes

I love love and falling in love, but it can get pretty flat real fast.

~Claire Danes

I don't want to be coy. It's so important for me to be as genuine as possible, so I don't want to stop when it comes to rendering sex the way that most people have it, which is unclothed.

~Claire Danes

My husband and I have watched a lot of Hitchcock movies in bulk, and there's a lot to be gained from that, from focusing strictly on an artists canon.

~Claire Danes

When somebody's ego is in service of really brilliant, innovative work, it's hard to, cause I'm such an asshole, it's hard to criticize their failures as a human sometimes.

~Claire Danes

It's my job to find the cornel of truth and then exaggerate, exaggerate, exaggerate until it's of an appropriate scale.

~Claire Danes

I actually haven't been approached a whole lot for television, believe it or not.

~Claire Danes

I like marriage. I feel very secure. It helps when you are in love with the person you are married to.

~Claire Danes

Actors want to surprise themselves. When it's really good, you kind of transcend yourself, and that happens infrequently. Very, very rarely.

~Claire Danes

Any story is better with a little love in it, right?

~Claire Danes

College was just so essential for my sense of self and my development.

~Claire Danes

Voice over can be tricky. It can be dangerous because it's over-used or

inappropriately used.

~Claire Danes

However, I'm at a very comfortable place in my career and celebrity, in that I don't have to audition as extensively as I used to for roles but yet I'm not immediately recognizable.

~Claire Danes

I guess I stopped acting when I was 18 and didn't pick it up again until I was 21. That wasn't the plan, though. When I first started at Yale, the plan was to do a movie each summer.

~Claire Danes

I used to have nightmares when I was a little kid that I woke up prematurely and opened all the Christmas presents. And then I would be so relieved when I woke up and I realized that I hadn't done it.

~Claire Danes

You have to stay hydrated when you have crying scenes.

~Claire Danes

By the time I went to Yale, I'd been acting for a long time and I was really tired of it. I was restless - and a little bored - and I was really eager to investigate different parts of myself.

~Claire Danes

I discovered Orson Welles in college; my freshman English professor screened 'Citizen Kane' for us, and I wound up writing a 20-page term paper on it.

~Claire Danes

I'm human. I think people see me as sweeter and softer than I do.

~Claire Danes

I'm just always learning lines. I've learned to flag the really crucial scenes, and I start figuring them out and committing them to memory as soon as I get them.

~Claire Danes

It's very difficult to judge yourself. Extreme self-doubt is only attractive when it's fictionalized. Which is why people love the movies. They are so reassuring.

~Claire Danes

Most people assume that autistic people are not capable of empathy.

~Claire Danes

It just seems like, you agree to have a certain personality or something. For no reason. Just to make things easier for everyone. But when you think about it, I mean, how do you know it's even you?

~Claire Danes

My skin is a bit sensitive, so Cetaphil is my standby. I also use toner and a light layer of moisturizerâ€”I use a lot of Kiehl's and other natural brands.

~Claire Danes

My character was kidnapped by the Terminator and I was kidnapped by the Terminator production.

~Claire Danes

Anybody who knows how to make a good movie, knows that it's a collaborative undertaking. To deny that its really dangerous.

~Claire Danes

I can get a dance party started pretty much anywhere and anytime.

~Claire Danes

I like reading novels because it provides insight into human behavior.

~Claire Danes

I was a serious kid to an absurd degree. I was overwhelmed with responsibility. You know, trying to play grown up. I overdid it.

~Claire Danes

I'm just a big old nerd.

~Claire Danes

I'm only realizing now that I was a child actress because I always took myself so seriously.

~Claire Danes

Steve Martin is one of my favorite performers, writers, artists of all time.

~Claire Danes

Television lets audiences deeply connect with characters.

~Claire Danes

I am not a genius. But I am nerdy.

~Claire Danes

It's been a huge joy, this experience of being a mom ... I don't know how to articulate it yet, because it is so fresh.

~Claire Danes

I love sitting in the makeup trailer and getting my makeup done in 15 minutes as opposed to an hour and a half.

~Claire Danes

Every time I make a movie, I'm prepared for it to become influential and career-defining - but I have no control over these things.

~Claire Danes

If I hadn't been an actress, I was thinking seriously about going into psychology. It's just really what I'm interested in: the human psyche and how we process information.

~Claire Danes

I played a girl. There's really nothing controversial about her. She's just fine. She has to be fine in order to make Sarah Jessica's character pop, I say I just play a white girl in that movie.

~Claire Danes

Oliver Stone's strategy is to unnerve the actors so as to make them alert and alive.

~Claire Danes

In New York City, everybody goes into therapy.

~Claire Danes

My parents never condescended to me. As a child, I always sat at the head of our dinner table. I was always given a lot of responsibility.

~Claire Danes

My first offer was when I was 12, and it was for a soap opera. And I turned it down because I knew that I was an unformed actor, and I didn't want to develop bad habits.

~Claire Danes

I've always very earnestly tried to do my best, so I just have to trust that and forgive myself for being fallible.

~Claire Danes

There is real honor in being a total goofball

~Claire Danes

Psychology and acting are very closely linked. It's just about studying people and how they work. It can be an incredible discipline and exercise.

~Claire Danes

I should be so lucky to be a misfit. I aspire to be a misfit.

~Claire Danes

At every stage in life you think about death. But teenagers especially are sort of invincible. They're not supposed to be thinking about dying yet, or else they'd be too afraid to live.

~Claire Danes

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